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A letter from Miss Inabelle Coleman, editorial secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, informs us that she is this week transferring her headquarters from Richmond to Shanghai, China. From her new location she will continue to write for the Foreign Mission Board.

Rev. J. R. G. Hewlett is being assisted in a meeting this week at Mt. Pisgah church in Tallahatchie County by Brother Harry Beechman of Owensboro, Kentucky. Brother Beechman is a preacher, evangelistic singer and crayon artist, and renders very able instruction in meetings for young people. The following week he will be with Brother Hewlett at Pharsalia church in Panola County.

Miss Georgia Mae Ogburn, Meridian, graduate of Blue Mountain College, and the Woman's Missionary Union Training School, Louisville, Ky., has been appointed principal of the W. M. U. Training School in Santiago, Chile. Miss Ogburn is the first principal, as the school is just being established. It will be financed by the Lottie Moon Christmas offerings. Miss Ogburn will sail in July or August.

Picayune: We have closed our first week of Vacation Bible school. In spite of the rain, it has been most encouraging. The enrollment has reached 268; the highest attendance, 237; and the lowest 205, with an average of the five days of 223. Our commencement will be Sunday night, July 21st. Again I would love to bear my testimony of the value and importance of a Vacation Bible school opportunity.—O. P. Estes.

A communication from Rufus W. Weaver, chairman of committee on Army and Navy chaplains, informs us that examinations for naval appointments will be held on August 21st and 22nd in Washington. Those desiring appointment to the chaplain's corps should communicate with the General committee on Army and Navy chaplains, 815 Woodward Bldg., Washington. Navy applications should be secured from Chaplain R. D. Workman, Chaplain's Division, Bureau of Navigation, Navy Dept., Washington. The age limits are from 24 years to 34 years. An applicant must be a graduate of a four year college and having completed a three year seminary course. He must have no physical defects.

On July 2 Mr. Olen Eakes and Miss Lucile Taylor, both of Ellisville, were married in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Bush by Rev. A. J. Linton. Both are fine Christian young people and their friends wish for them all happiness.

The First Baptist Church, Salisbury, N. C., Dr. Arch C. Cree, pastor, recently enjoyed one of the most deeply spiritual revival meetings in its history, led by Mr. Wm. Carey Barker, lay-evangelist, of Lynchburg, Va. Dr. Cree, says, "Theology and homiletics may not have had much stress in the preaching of Carey Barker, but Carey Barker knows his Lord, knows the Gospel and loves the unsaved. His preaching must be of the type that magnified Jesus Christ and won souls in the early church, before theology, as we know it, was formulated and before homiletics grew up. In all the years of my ministry I have not had better help in a meeting. The results were gratifying in every way, but the outstanding blessing was the renewed and deepened spirituality in the hearts of so many of the members of the church. Carey Barker is a great soul. He is a spiritual tonic to all he contacts. He strengthens the church he serves. God bless and use Carey Barker." There were 34 additions to the church.

WESTERN UNION

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Editor P. I. Lipsey,
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Members of Convention Committee seeking urgently needed help for hundred of British missionaries are profoundly grateful for your utmost cooperation in reaching goal of \$200,000 by July 21. Great deeds become a great people. And Carey's immortal sermon is the challenging message for us now as we quickly raise this practical expression of worldwide cooperation and Christian sympathy. Worthy thank offerings to God expressed in sacrificial love gifts for heroic missionaries now in tragic distress will reach goal indicated and will give a glorious demonstration of the ability of Baptist Democracy to register a notable achievement in brief time.

Your committee joyfully believes that the many vital Baptist forces of your noble state, your churches and pastors, your secretaries statewide and local, your editors and teachers, and leaders in local church organizations will in one united and prayerful effort record a God-honoring victory during coming week.

The spirit of the early Christians as told in Revelation 12:11 points the way of triumph for us.—GEORGE W. TRUETT.

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Dr. Finley F. Gibson, for more than 20 years pastor of the great Walnut Street Church, Louisville, is taking a three months vacation in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

If ever there was a mess it is what has come of the appointment of Myron C. Taylor as Mr. Roosevelt's ambassador to the pope. It is now said he is expected to resign this office "when he is well enough." He has had two gallstone operations, and was still in the hospital at last reports. Most Protestant bodies in America have protested against his appointment. His mission has been an absolute failure, and nothing but a provocation to trouble in our own country. The war goes on. Italy is in it up to its neck. The Catholic bishops of Italy are like Mussolini was, watchfully waiting to profit from a villainous war. They are now asking that Mussolini take over Palestine and let them as representatives of the Roman Catholic church take possession of all the "holy places." The only sort of peace the Catholic church has ever desired is one by which it can profit. It is high time all this hypocrisy in Rome and in Washington were being exposed.

Weir: The annual revival of the Baptist church is to begin on the third Sunday (21st) of July and we are to have Rev. B. W. Walker assisting, and the general public is invited to be with us for this series of services, and hear one of God's great preachers, during these days of refreshing.—J. S. Deal, Pastor.

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Van Winkle: Rev. E. J. Blackford is in the Baptist Hospital recovering from an operation. He is doing nicely and we ask your prayers that he will recover completely and soon be back in his pulpit, which was ably filled Sunday at both services by Rev. J. P. Harrington.—Reporter.

The editor wishes to express his appreciation for all the kindnesses shown him since he was taken sick July 3. They have been many and varied in form. It will not be possible to write to each friend who has expressed an interest in his recovery and this is taken as the best means of expressing his gratitude.

Rev. F. V. McFatridge writes: We are in the midst of a Vacation Bible school here at Plantersville, using only local help on the faculty. We have had a steady attendance of around forty pupils all this week. School began July 1 and will close July 12. We will get into our new parsonage some time next week. It will be a delightful home. Our revival meeting begins the first Sunday in August. I will preach, and Bro. Troy Prince of Laurel will lead the singing.

We quote from a recent book a sentence which contains a truth as plain as the nose on a man's face, but most people are so blind that they do not see it. Here it is, and you may inscribe it with a pen of iron on your memory: "Just as the fascist nations have become powerful through practicing self denial, so have the democracies become morally paralyzed through self indulgence. . . . Million dollar salaries and palatial dwellings are for the tycoons of the democracies, while the leaders of the Fascist nations live in Spartan simplicity." The man who wrote that is not a preacher, but an electrical engineer. May God help us to see our peril before it is too late, if it is not already too late.

On the first Sunday in July, Rev. J. D. Franks, of the First Baptist Church of Columbus began his twentieth year as pastor. In recognition of that fact, an attractive Anniversary Statement was issued in which anniversary greetings were extended to the members. In his message he expressed the pleasure enjoyed by the pastor and the benefits derived by him. The blessings and favor of the Master were asked to abide on the church and its members. Also in the message was a statement showing the growth of the membership and the amount contributed for missions and local work. In the nineteen years of his ministry there have been 1,140 baptisms and the membership has grown from 541 in 1921 to 2,071 in 1940. During this time the church has contributed \$101,027.41 to missions and \$312,597.46 to local work. Certainly this is a great report, and one of which the pastor and the church should be proud. Dr. Franks says, however, "To Christ must go the honor and the praise for all the good that may have been accomplished in His service during these years."

The sympathy of his many friends in Mississippi goes out to our brother, Rev. E. T. Moberly of Laurel, in the death of his wife. For forty years while brother Moberly has ministered to churches in our state, she has stood by his side and encouraged him in all his work. It has been the editor's privilege on several occasions to be a guest in this home, and share the hospitality of this fine Christian woman, and to learn something of her sterling character. May our Father comfort him with the comfort wherewith he has comforted others. Beside the husband two daughters survive.

Sparks and Splinters

Rev. Carey Cox of Terry is this week assisting Pastor D. I. Young in a meeting at Eden in Yazoo County.

Pastor W. L. Howse had Rev. Owen Williams of Utica with him in a good meeting at Redlick Church last week.

Brother Roberson, after preaching twice at Brandon last Sunday came to the Baptist Hospital for treatment of an infected elbow.

The Catchings Baptist Training Union made twenty-eight awards at the close of study course held recently. The awards were as follows: Juniors 5, Intermediates 9, Seniors 7, B. A. U. 7. The average number enrolled in B. T. U. during June were 89, with an average of 75 present.—Virgie C. Cogdell, Reporter.

Rev. A. J. Linton reports that they are in the midst of one of the greatest, if not the greatest, revivals ever held in the Union Church, Perry County. "Despite the rain people are coming by the car and truck loads." The meeting began on July 7 with three services and dinner on the ground.

Next Sunday Northside Church, Jackson, will make a special offering for their proposed church building. Their plan, according to the report of Pastor Ira F. Metts is to build at first only the basement story with a temporary roof. This they expect to cost some \$18,000. The completed building will cost something over \$100,000.

Blue Mountain: The anniversary of the birth of General Nathan Bedford Forrest Sunday reminds students and friends of Blue Mountain College that General Forrest was reared in Tipah County not far from where the college is located. His father who died in 1837 was buried in the Salem church graveyard. After his father's death Nathan Bedford, at the age of 16, became the sole support of his mother and eight brothers and sisters. General Forrest saved North Mississippi from the devastation brought to the Shenandoah Valley and to Georgia by Sheridan and Sherman.

The secular papers of last week carried the announcement that Dr. Merrill D. Moore of Newport, Tenn., had been elected President of Tennessee College for Women at Murfreesboro. Dr. Moore is a native of Mississippi, his father and mother living at Tupelo. He is an alumnus of Mississippi College and of the Louisville Seminary. He had been pastor of First Church, Selma, Ala., and of First Church, Newport, Tenn. He is a young man, married, has one son, and is full of promise for the future. We had coveted him for Mississippi. Tennessee College is the property of Tennessee Baptists, with an honorable history. It is on the campus of old Union University before this school was moved to Jackson, Tenn.

We give in another part of the Record an account of the dedication of the ground on which the First Baptist Church of Grenada proposes to erect a new house of worship; also a brief history of the church by Deacon J. B. Perry. We know something of the history of this great church and rejoice with them in the beginning of what promises to be a great era of enlargement. Rev. J. G. Hall was its first pastor, and a tower of strength to the Baptist cause. His son Judge Hall was a civic and religious leader. Captain Jno. Powell was a stalwart in Baptist faith and service. The Perrys and Browns have been a strength to every good cause. But we cannot call more names now, though many are worthy to be called. Grenada suffered in 1878 as no other place of its size in the South suffered from yellow fever. Their pastor died of the fever, and many good members. Dr. E. B. Miller, their pastor when the former house was built was our good friend. They have had many good pastors, and good members. May the Lord increase their numbers and bless their labors. The present pastor Rev. Glen Eric Wiley is a worthy successor to a line of worthies.

Luther J. Holcomb, Nashville, Tenn., has just closed a meeting in Reidsville, N. C. It was started in a prayer meeting and was designated as a "united spiritual awakening." The services were conducted in the armory, which seated two thousand people, and continued for three weeks. There were nine churches cooperating in the meeting.

The Fayette Church had the privilege June 16-21 of having Brother Barney Walker with them for a meeting. Brother Walker is a good preacher and the people responded by coming out in larger numbers than had attended a meeting in fifteen years. Mr. J. T. Smith of Newton directed the music and led the young people's work in a fine way during the week. There was one profession of faith and six who came into the church by letter.—John W. Cook, Pastor.

IMPORTANT: All funds received in the local churches for the British Baptist Mission Society's foreign missionaries should be forwarded to your state secretary, designated for this purpose. He will in turn send the funds on to the Nashville office of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, designated for this purpose, and the money will be transmitted through our Foreign Mission Board direct to the mission stations of the British Baptist Mission Society through connections which Secretary Maddry has already established.

Just closed a meeting in Ackerman Baptist Church, Rev. J. B. Smith, pastor. This was a gracious time of revival, the entire community rallying to the support of the church in its evangelistic effort. Brother Smith has kept the field so thoroughly gleaned that there were few "prospects," but we had twenty additions to the church. This is one place where the pastor is universally loved. He has the respect and love of all the churches in town. Mr. Vernon Martin, educational director of the Gordon Street Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga., had charge of the music in the meeting, and did an excellent job of it.—Rev. Glen Eric Wiley.

Poplarville Baptist Church is in the midst of a revival meeting with Dr. Otto Whittington of Little Rock doing the preaching and brother W. W. Grafton of Hattiesburg leading the singing. In spite of the rain we are having fine attendance and souls being saved and others bringing their letters for membership in the church. This pastor has never heard finer preaching of the Gospel nor felt greater heart power than in the ministry of Dr. Whittington. The work of brother Grafton is known to Mississippians and it goes without saying that it is fine. The Lord is blessing this church in a wonderful way and we are grateful.—L. E. Green.

Goodyear Baptist Church, Picayune, has just experienced the greatest revival in its history. Evangelist Lloyd L. King, Orlando, Florida, led in a great way, preaching the Word in mighty power. To Baptists of Florida he is known as another Billy Sunday, as his fire and forceful delivery are so much likened to the late famous evangelist. The Lord blessed his ministry among us with the addition of 53 to our membership. A Story Hour for children each afternoon was a feature of the meeting, and the 110 who attended regularly will always remember "Uncle Rex," as Brother King is known to all the youngsters. We are going forward in a fine way spiritually.—J. F. Brantley, Pastor.

We closed our revival at the Houston Baptist Church last Wednesday night. Our revival ran eleven days. We had Dr. James Middleton, pastor of Clinton Baptist Church to do the preaching. He brought many stirring messages and we had wonderful crowds. Dr. Middleton is a great preacher, and one who really preaches the Gospel. We had 20 additions to the church, 10 on a profession of faith and 10 by letter. Our choir brought wonderful messages in song, Bro. Earl Edwards our assistant led the choir in a wonderful way. We had fine cooperation from other churches of our town. I praise the Lord for our revival, and I believe our church will go on to greater and more noble services. May God bless our town and church.—W. C. Stewart, Pastor.

Pastoral Problems

By Norman W. Cox

"BEGGARS"

Every pastor needs the wisdom of Solomon plus the compassion of his Lord in dealing with beggars. There is so little that he can do and so many who want him to do for them and so many that are deserving and need help and so many who are imposters and dead-beats that his heart is frequently heavy within him.

Not infrequently the pastor's members do not treat him right with respect to beggars. People appeal to them for alms and they send them to the pastor. Again and again I ask strangers who come to me requesting aid who sent them and find that some church member who has just as much time to look into their need and just as much money to provide for it have sought to escape their own responsibility by directing them to me.

I presume that no phase of the pastor's ministry is more unsatisfactory than his experiences as he looks back through the years in dealing with those who appeal to him for material help. Not infrequently we fail to help where we ought to help and we do help where we should not. We have to make such little do such a lot and spread out the help we can give so thinly that we are strongly up against it in our hearts many a time. One lesson we have to quickly learn and that is not to be moved by tears until we know their cause and are certain that they are honest. Usually those who cry best when they tell us their story deserve the least.

B. O. B. F.

Bryan Simmons, Field Representative

The Mother's Day Offering

Some are asking if we reached our goal in the Mother's Day offering. We are glad to state that the Sunday schools did a fine job of that effort and reached the \$10,000.00 goal. We are mighty happy over this and want everybody to know. When you read this tell it to others.

In the last article I stated that we were seeking one hundred men who would give an average of \$50.00 each towards the next building. We are glad to announce that 26 men have joined this group and they are keeping the average up. Most of those who have joined had given before. Others are favorably considering the matter. How about joining us? By so doing you will help a worthy cause to get another start, help a large number of children to a better environment and better opportunities and you will encourage others to help.

If you feel you can not reach the average alone, likely you could get one or two others to go in with you. You could send in your subscription to be paid within the next few months.

One man paid his subscription with a good cow. Here is what some of the brethren are saying in response to this appeal:

"I am glad to cooperate fully * * * and hope you will feel free to call on me when I can be of service. I placed a check for \$50.00 with our church treasurer last Sunday designated for the Baptist Orphanage Building Fund."

"You can put me down for \$50.00 and I will try to pay it as soon as I can sell that little dab of cotton I carried over from last year."

"I shall be glad to be one of those giving \$50.00 * * *. I will give my check for \$25.00 through the church the first of August and another check early in the Fall."

"I will take at least one membership in the One Hundred Group."

I have some more like these. What will you say? Let the Lord lead you.

THE GREAT JUDGMENT

F. V. McFatridge

It may be ignorance upon my part, but I confess that I have never seen the interpretation of Matt. 25:31-46 advanced by brother J. W. Lee in print before. Upon reading the article I at once consulted Broadus on Matthew, Dr. Carroll's "Interpretation of the English Bible" as Baptist authorities, and The Expositor's Greek Testament without finding a reference to such an interpretation. The latter gave an account of the controversies over this passage as follows: (1) Whether or not this is truly a part of the Logion of Jesus, or an interpolation. (2) Whether or not this was a universal judgment of both Jews and Gentiles, or of the Gentiles only, as "the nations" is a term often applied to the Gentiles. (3) Whether all people were judged, or Christians only (and some of them were sent to hell!)

But putting the commentaries aside, let us look at the passage itself, and see what Jesus said so plainly: "Before him shall be gathered ALL nations, and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats." Assuming that Brother Lee is correct, the nations are present, and are separated one from the other. I cannot see how the nations could be present, except that the people of the various nations are present, and a question at once comes into my mind: will the division be upon the basis of blood, language, or the political system under which one lived while on earth?

Now, let us follow the scene one step further: "And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on his left." If this is a judgment of the nations, evidently some nations are all sheep, and others are all goats.

The nations have now been divided. One group (or probably several groups, grouped according to nationality) is on the right hand, and the other on the left. "Then shall the King say unto them (the nations) on his right hand, 'Come, ye blessed of my Father, INHERIT the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.' According to brother Lee's interpretation, some nations are HEIRS of the kingdom, for one cannot inherit something unless he be an heir. Upon what basis? Upon the basis of nationality? Paul says: "IF CHILDREN, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ." (Rom. 8:17). Read also Gal. 3:26-29 on heirship.

"Then shall he say also to them (the nations) on his left hand, 'Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.'" And in verse 46: "And these shall go away into EVERLASTING punishment: but the RIGHTEOUS into life eternal." He is still talking about the two groups that have just been divided the one from the other. The Greek word for "everlasting" and "eternal" in this verse is the same word. If we accept the interpretation that this is a judgment of the nations, and are to accept what Jesus said as true concerning this judgment, then people are sent into everlasting punishment or everlasting life on the basis of nationality, rather than upon the basis of their personal and individual relationship to the Lord Jesus Christ. I am sure that Brother Lee did not take the entire passage into consideration, else we Baptists had better be urged to cease our emphasis upon personal responsibility and individual accountability to God. Instead of persuading individual men to repent of their sins and to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ that they might be saved, and bend our energies toward making our nation Christian. Furthermore, no one can know whether or not he is saved until he is sure that his nation will be among the sheep.

In his article in the Record, which promises to be only the first on the subject, Brother Lee objects to regarding this as the final judgment because it seems to be based upon works. Let us notice two things: (1) The sheep are separated from the goats BEFORE anything is said about works. For the righteous it is a declaration rather than a judgment, agreeing with the parable of the tares in which the wheat is sep-

arated from the tares. The sins of the righteous have already been judged in Christ; here they are merely separated from the goats, and commended. (2) Those on the right hand were not depending upon works for salvation, for they are surprised, and ask "When did we do all these things?" Now if they had been depending upon works they would have had an indelible record of every visit to those who were sick and in prison, of every gift to the needy, to offer as evidence of their right to salvation.

We Baptists, indeed, believe that "By grace are ye saved through faith, not of works, lest any man should boast." One who believes that a person is saved upon any other basis than the unmerited favor of a sovereign God cannot be a true Baptist. But there is constant danger that we become too indifferent to works after salvation, and seem to teach that once a man has had an "experience" of some sort, and united with the church, that he is saved eternally, no matter how he may live afterwards, how indifferent he may be to the church and kingdom, how stingy with his means, how cold toward human need and suffering. We are apt to pass quickly over such Scriptures as James 2:17, 26, "Faith without works is dead," and Jesus' question: "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" as seeming to teach salvation by works. John says: "But whoso hath this world's goods, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" (I John 3:17). Personally, I doubt, and have ample Scriptural basis for doubting, any man's "experience" unless that experience fruits in a Christ-like life. "If any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of his." (Rom. 8:9). Paul, indeed, told of his experience on the Damascus road often, but that experience would have had little effect upon his own generation, nor would it have been remembered beyond his generation, if that experience had not changed Saul of Tarsus into Paul the Apostle. If within a few months or years he had gone back to the synagogue, and lived the life of a self-righteous Pharisee, persecuting the Christians, we might believe with the skeptics that it was nothing but a sun-stroke that happened to him on the Damascus road. His life after his experience proves the validity of his experience. James is correct when he says: "I will show thee my faith by my works."

It is not out of harmony at all for Jesus to justify His judgment by calling attention to the difference in the lives of those who are saved from those who are condemned.

This is not written from any contentious spirit, but to answer that which seems to me to be an erroneous interpretation of the plain words of Jesus.

Plantersville, Miss.

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NEW MISSIONARIES END YEAR OF SERVICE IN NIGERIA

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Lagos, Nigeria, West Africa—(F.M.B.)—Our first year of missionary service in this great land that needs Christ so badly has been the happiest and busiest year of our lives. The Lord has richly blessed us in so many ways. We have been blessed with good health except for a slight infection that kept me in the hospital for two weeks. We have been free of fever during the entire year. In fact, we have found Africa not to be such a bad place in which to live. We have been blessed by having been given a good start by Dr. H. Scott Patterson. We would not take anything for those first five weeks spent in Africa under the care of this wonderful missionary. We have been blessed by being left to ourselves with a great task and responsibility on our untried and inexperienced hands. We have had to solve our own problems and make our own decisions. We feel that such has meant much towards our development. We have been blessed by the wonderful cooperation given us by the members of the Academy staff and by the Baptists of Lagos. These are only a few of the many blessings that have come our way during our

EVERY CHRISTIAN SHOULD KNOW

By G. C. Hodge

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Every Christian Should Know How Churches Are Revived.

The members of any church may wish for a revival but if they do nothing more they will be disappointed because churches are not revived by wishes.

The members may get together and talk about existing conditions and the need for a revival, but if that is all they do their church will never witness a spiritual awakening because churches are not revived by mere talk, gossip.

The members may invite an evangelist to assist their pastor or they may secure a new pastor, but if that is all they do they will never have a change in the life of their church because churches are not revived by preachers, old or new.

Churches are revived through (1) Prayer. Jas. 4:8 says, "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you"; (2) The presence and power of the Holy Spirit; (3) The members themselves getting right with God and with one another. Just as one nut, out of place, may stall an engine and stop a factory so one man, full of envy, jealousy, selfishness, the devil, may by criticising, backbiting, whispering, destroy the spirit of prayer and drive the Holy Spirit from his church; (4) Attendance upon the services of the church. The preaching of the Gospel may seem foolish to some, but it is still the power of God unto salvation to every one who believes;

(5). Personal work. This is essential for both the annual revival and the perennial revival. Let those who want their church revived make a list of the unaffiliated Baptists in the community and go to them individually and lead them to transfer their membership to the local church. Then make a list of the unsaved in the community and go to them privately and try to win them to Christ. When the church members become burdened for the salvation of lost souls and instead of criticising them go out to win them, the church may expect a revival, but not until then.

(6) Preach the Gospel intelligently, sympathetically. It takes preaching to revive a church. Plain preaching from a sympathetic, loving, understanding heart. Fearless, positive, constructive preaching from the open Bible. Intelligent preaching delivered in the language of the people. preaching that arouses the interest of the indifferent, that strengthens the faith of the children, that clears the doubts of the intermediates, that calls the young people to dedicate their lives to the Master, that reclaims the prodigals, that comforts and heals the broken hearts, that encourages and inspires to new life those in despair, that feeds, nourishes and strengthens the strongest, dearest and most consecrated saints, that convicts and converts the hardest sinners, and only those who are called of God and who are constantly supported by the prayers of God's people can thus preach.

first year of missionary service in Africa.

Our work this year has been mostly educational. During the absence of Dr. Patterson, the principal of the Baptist Academy, Lagos, I have had the joy and tremendous task of being the acting principal.

We have found our greatest joy on the weekends while doing evangelistic and church work. One would think that he could do lots of evangelistic work in the school like the Academy, but ah, we have found ourselves so tied down with the details of management and teaching that we have had little or no time to give to personal evangelism. The harvest is ready, but the missionaries are few. We are praying daily that some of you will "come over and help us." We need help and need it badly. Thousands know nothing of the Christ, and the most that the present group of missionaries can do is only a drop in the bucket. Mrs. Griffin has been working with the Sunbeams and the W. M. S. here in Lagos. She has had the joy of teaching them a number of choruses that she has had translated in Yoruba.—Bennie T. Griffin.

EDITORIALS

KEEPING THE UNITY OF THE SPIRIT Ephesians 4:1-6

This "unity of the Spirit" of which Paul speaks was a matter to be looked after between the members of this church at Ephesus, or any other local congregation, and did not concern itself about trying to unite all the churches in all the world. It is of much more concern to keep the members of your church united and cooperating than to try to bring all the churches of the world into one big union. If the brethren who are trying to corral all the denominations into one ecclesiastical organization would expend their energies in keeping the unity of the Spirit among their members, they would serve a better cause. Things that are big and far away appeal to a certain type of mind which is disposed to overlook the important thing under their noses. You have heard of the man who prayed the Lord to "bless that far away land where the foot of man never trod and which the eye of God never saw." Let's attend to matters at hand.

Paul begins the fourth chapter as he started the third, and then turned aside to a long parenthesis: "I the prisoner in the Lord beseech you, etc." This was the burden on his soul that these people might "keep the unity," about which he had been writing; that nothing should violate it or interrupt it. He is a prisoner now, and cannot personally look after them. This makes him the more anxious lest something should happen to mar their unity. He beseeches them, exhorts them, parables them, speaks and appeals as the voice of the Holy Spirit. They must not suffer any rupture in their church, and classes or parties to be formed, as of different races or anything else.

God has made union possible. He has actually blended the followers of Jesus into one body. They must walk worthy of his calling, must preserve the spirit of union, the union of the Spirit. To do this will require "lowliness and meekness," an humble submission to the will of God, and a proper attitude toward people from whom we differ; no top-loftiness, no bumptiousness, no assuming of airs, or pretense of superiority, or of indifference to others. But "forbearing one another in love"; allowing for differences, even when we know we are right and others are wrong; showing no irritation or resentment, not provoking, nor being provoked; Showing unceasing interest in others who are different from ourselves. We are to recognize the benefits in the bond of peace and accept our responsibility in trying to preserve it.

This can be done best if we recognize our bonds of union in Christ. They are seven-fold. These are (1) One body, (2) One spirit, (3) One hope, (4) One Lord, (5) One faith, (6) One baptism, (7) One God. That is as complete as it is possible to make it. And any willing violation of this unity is to do violence to all seven of these.

Look a little more closely at this seven-fold unity. There is one body. The church, that church to which you belong is the body of Christ, to function for him in your community and as far as its ministry may reach. To sever its members, to pull them apart, is to render the whole body ineffective, to destroy its work. The members have their functions, but unless they work as a unit, they cannot continue to work at all. This is taught also in Romans and in First and Second Corinthians.

There is one Spirit, one source of life, one animating and indwelling, life-giving cause of all our activity. The Spirit of God makes us one in mind, heart and purpose. He is the unifying force within every member of the church, of every church.

Paul also says we were "called in one hope of our calling." We have a common aim and destiny. We are unified not simply by past experiences and present possessions and tasks, but by one hope for the future. We are aiming at

one end, that is to become like Christ, to be made anew after the likeness of God in Christ. We have one goal. This one thing we do. We press on to the prize of the high calling of God in Christ.

There is one Lord. Jesus is the one and only head and director. His will and that only is the supreme source of control. If all acknowledge him and him only there can be no serious breach and there will be no hurtful differences.

There is one faith. Whether this refers to our personal experience of faith exercised in our first dealings with the Lord Jesus, or all that we hold in common of truth revealed in Him, there is an identity in it all. Faith is belief of the truth, personal appropriation of it for our own use and profit. And this is the same in every member of the body of Christ, in every Christian.

There is one baptism, one method by which we proclaim our faith in Jesus and our loyalty to him. We all came in at the same gate. To allow different methods of baptism or to ignore the obligation to be baptized is to proclaim a different faith, or to fail to proclaim any faith. People who are baptized in different ways do not believe the same thing; they do not have one faith.

There is "one God and Father, who is over all and through all and in all." This is the climax and perfecting cause of unity. Our faith and life go back to this one cause: "Hear, O Israel, I the Lord thy God am one Lord." But it takes the New Testament teaching to make clear that He is our Father, and especially that he is "over all and through all and in all." He is not far from any one of us. He is not only God with us but Christ in us the hope of glory. Because he is in us all, we are one in Christ Jesus.

IT'S TIME TO HELP

Last Sunday as the collection was being taken up in one of our Baptist churches, a member of the church stopped one of the deacons and asked when the collection was to be taken for the British Baptist Mission Fund. The deacon was rather embarrassed to have to reply that he did not know. The man replied that he wanted to have a part in it when the collection was taken. This may illustrate the lack of interest on the part of the church leaders; both pastor and deacons. It may show that there has been serious negligence in keeping up with Baptist plans and appeals by reading denominational literature. But it certainly indicates that the individual Baptists will respond if they are shown the pressing need. Too many times collections are taken without the one asked for a contribution realizing the real purpose and need of the money. To the majority of these it's "just another collection." Do they realize that to fail to respond to this cry for help by British Baptists will seriously injure and possibly destroy in some fields the missionary efforts of our brother Baptists that have been going on for over one hundred and fifty years? Do they realize that to fail to respond to this appeal would mean that missionaries on foreign fields with their families would be stranded in these foreign countries, cut off from their own home country, without any means of support and in grave danger of suffering? If they are made to realize these facts, they will say with the member mentioned above, "I want to have a part in that collection." It is the responsibility of the leaders in each local church to see that the members know the seriousness of the situation, and are given an opportunity to have a part in relieving it. Southern Baptists are asked for \$200,000. Will your church do its part?

LOOK TO THE INSIDE

The religion of Jesus is the religion of the inside. This distinguishes it from all other religions or philosophies. David perceived it when he said, "Thou desirest truth in the inward parts and in the hidden parts thou wilt help me to know wisdom." Jeremiah and Ezekiel saw and

proclaimed the same truth when they spoke of the new covenant, in which the truth would be written on the heart and inward parts and not on tables of stone. Jesus enforced it in all his teachings, as when he said, "Cleanse the inside of the cup"; and "out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, etc." Paul apprehended the nature of the gospel as hardly any other man, and spoke of "Christ in you the hope of glory," and prayed that the people to whom he wrote might be "strengthened with power by His Spirit in the inward man."

The religion of Jesus is not in careful training and discipline of conduct, as important as these things are. Philosophy busies itself with helping a man as it finds him. But the religion of Jesus says, "Ye must be born again." Sunday schools, B. T. U.'s and home discipline are good in their places, but mere instruction and training will never make a sheep out of a goat. Only Christ is made for us wisdom and power and redemption. He is indeed the wisdom and the power of God.

The same power that saves a man, makes him a new creature, changes his nature, produces new life in him, will also continue to work in him for his production. The same Spirit which began the work of grace in him carries the work to completion. Having begun in the Spirit we cannot expect to be perfected in the flesh.

It is the inside that needs looking after—"the inward man." This is where men fail whenever there is failure. Great armaments and defenses have their place, but if there is no man inside, the case is hopeless. In a recent issue of the magazine "Life," R. D. Paine, Jr., head of the European staff of Life and Time, tells of the collapse of France. He makes it clear that France collapsed of internal weakness. Its men were not men. Its officers in the army and officials in civil life were weaklings, ease loving, lounge lizards. No nation can stand up under such circumstances. No man can stand with the heart taken out of him.

Paul said "having done all to stand"—and he keeps on saying "stand." But you can't stand until you have "done all." And the particular thing he speaks of here is, "Be strong in the Lord and the might of his strength—your loins girded with the truth." The man is on the inside. The outside is mere window dressing. Dr. Gambrell said truly, "No man is whipped until he is whipped on the inside." If Christ "dwell in your hearts by faith," you need not be uneasy about the outward conditions of the world.

THE PRICE OF DEMOCRACY

There is much flippant talk about democracy; much of mere lip service paid to it. Democracy is not an easy going system in politics or religion. It is not a lazy man's faith. We think we have said before in these columns that democracy is only possible where there is intelligence and moral character. So say we again, and with strong emphasis, more and more.

But there is a quality of character which accompanies faith and morals which is absolutely essential to the maintenance of democracy. That is the willingness to endure hardness as a good soldier. This is perhaps the greatest danger which democracy has ever faced. There must be willingness to shoulder individual responsibility and undergo discipline, to work and suffer if need be (and the need will certainly be) that freedom may be preserved for every individual.

The failure of democracy in every age has been due to the unwillingness of the average man to stand on his own feet, take care of himself and help to take care of the rights of others. The danger signal is when men are willing to let things alone, let them go as they choose, laissez faire the French call it. It is when men are too lazy, too indifferent, too cowardly to call attention to wrongs and stand up in resistance to them.

It is when men are willing to enjoy the benefits of freedom, but unwilling to contend for the freedom of others. All virtues cease to be vir-

tues when they cease to be militant, to be aggressive. Whenever men are willing to "let George do it," they are on the way to the doom of democracy. Whenever people are willing to let somebody else, just anybody else, run the country, somebody will run it into dictatorship. The word king is said to come from the word can. The man who can do things is the man who will soon be punching you in the ribs with a rifle and telling you to get up and wait on him. If you are too lazy to be a free man and work willingly for the common good, you will soon be a slave and working for a master. If you are too lazy, or too indifferent to go to the polls and vote, somebody will take your vote away from you, and have you waiting on him while he swaggers in official togs.

Softness, love of ease, luxury in living saps the life out of people. Only people who work and subject themselves to discipline are fit to live and are capable of preserving democracy. Democracy failed in France, as it failed in Rome because people would rather go to a show than go to work. And the same thing will happen in America if we allow the present tendencies to continue. The papers and magazines in this country have been and still are filled with pictures of men and women nine-tenths naked. This is not only immoral, but enervating. It is a sign of a degenerate age, in which voluptuousness has taken the place of virtue.

Do not be surprised if hard times come. These may be the only thing that will save us. Don't think it strange that pictures of cannons and tanks and bombing planes and fields of slaughter are now competing with pictures of naked women in our papers and magazines. It may take just such as this to save us. Gun powder may take the place of face powder, and bloody bandages supplant silken robes. Read the third chapter of Isaiah, vss. 16-26. Be sure to read it. It's all about women's clothes, and beats any show window in Jackson. And then read all around it the prophecy of destruction. And be sure you get the connection.

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THE TREMENDOUS TASK BEFORE US

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Just what is this task of the Relief and Annuity Board? It comprehends every employed worker of every Baptist church affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention and of every Board, Institution and Agency of the States within the Southern Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention itself. The number of these employed workers, including the ministers, will probably exceed 50,000. We have yet to enroll in our Ministers Retirement Plan two additional ministers for every one we have enrolled; likewise we must enroll in the Age Security Plan thousands of employed workers of the churches other than the ministers. This includes the janitors, the educational directors, church visitors, young people's workers, secretaries, stenographers, bookkeepers, etc. Southern Baptists are responsible for the old age and disability security of every one of these workers and the Social Security Act as at present administered in Washington recognizes this fact. Our churches are exempt from taxation on account of Social Security but they are not exempt from responsibility for their employees. We have, in addition to the thousands of men and women who serve our churches, other thousands of workers in our orphanages, hospitals, colleges, universities and seminaries owned and operated by State Conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention. We quote an editorial which appeared in the Dallas Journal more than a year ago:

"All honor is due the Southern Baptist Convention for its plan for retiring Baptist clergymen and certain other church employees with a pension beginning at the age of 65. While some other ecclesiastical connections have seemingly contented themselves with relying on the more abundant life which centers in the swivel chairs of Washington, the Baptists hope to take care of their faithful workers by a program set up by Baptists, run by Baptists and paid for by Bap-

GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH, Circulation Manager

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b ("Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL.") Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."



REV. W. C. WOOD, Pastor
Crosby Baptist Church

Below Pastor Wood lists some accomplishments under the EVERY FAMILY Plan.

TRIED AND FOUND WORTHY

Some time back you asked me to write you a letter setting forth my reaction to the ministry of The Baptist Record in Every Family of Crosby Baptist Church.

The entire membership of the Crosby church looks upon the adoption of the EVERY FAMILY PLAN as the most progressive step, from a spiritual standpoint, that the church has ever taken. The spiritual life of the membership of the church has noticeably deepened, since we adopted the EF Plan. Faithful attendance, prayerful attention, and joyful service on part of whole membership definitely increasing. On second Sunday in June we celebrated second anniversary of my pastorate. Below are some of the forward steps noted. I give a large credit to The Baptist Record for such things. For through its pages EVERY MEMBER, every week, has been

tists. That may be pretty pragmatic religion—but it is a very good kind. It is showing faith by works. The church universal has not always done as much of that sort of demonstrating as it ought to have done. Starving retired preachers in neglected old age never did look very heavenly, anyhow."

When Baptists take care of incapacitated persons who have served them long and well in Kingdom work they are doing a religious act as well as an economic one. They are following the principles laid down in the Old and New Testaments. Southern Baptists began their ministry to ministers and missionaries before the government adopted social security for the people, yet many among us have been all too slow in making effective the plans that have been developed. Baptists have preached economic righteousness toward employees on the part of employers for many years—surely they are now ready to seriously practice their own preaching. The Relief and Annuity Board has a plan for every employee of every church, board, institution and agency of the Southern Baptist Convention and of the several State Conventions. The task is tremendous, but we have the plans that match the task.

For information and application blanks write Dr. D. A. McCall, Baptist Building, Jackson, Mississippi.

(1) Informed of church and denominational needs; (2) Shamed at our lethargy and inaction; (3) Inspired to help meet the needs at home and abroad.

The Crosby members have:

1. Increased in numbers in two years 74%.
2. Prayer meeting crowds increased from "faithful 12" to 50 to 70.
3. B.T.U. from zero to an "all organization" union, including Story Hour.
4. Offerings and attendance at worship Services greatly increased.
5. Choir organized and functioning.
6. Subscribed to Baptist Bulletin Service. Local items and order of service typed and mimeographed by one of young people.
7. Supplied a pastorium of dignity and comfort. (Two families did this.)
8. Voted \$250.00 to Christian Education.
9. From zero (as a church) voted to send monthly a tithe of the gross income of the church to denomination through Cooperative Program.
10. Bought communion set and began observance of Lord's Supper which had lapsed for years.
11. Seen the W.M.U. surpass the special offering goal set by local president each time. A-1, full graded W.M.U. since autumn, 1939.
12. Seen the deacons and some members demonstrate the democracy of a Baptist church by turning down pastor's suggestion to build, (we worship in a "union" building) after two members had agreed to give a free lot and all the lumber, but seats, for building. The Record continues to come, pastor continues to pray.
13. Paid bulk of pastor's expenses to Southern Baptist Convention in Baltimore.
14. Supplied auditorium with 100 cloth back "Songs of Faith."

Berwick church, of which I am pastor probably finds EVERY FAMILY Plan still more valuable. It is a rural church with road and transportation problems. "Uncle Sam" carries to all every week regardless of weather. Increased attendance reflects spiritual effects of The Record EF plan, though only in effect a few months there.

Under separate cover I am sending you forty names from the Ebenezer church, at which I preach on third Sundays. This will make the field 100% EVERY FAMILY PLAN.

Yours sincerely,

W. C. WOOD, Pastor

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THE PROOF OF THE PUDDING IS IN—

The membership at Byran has increased from 75 to 90 since January 1.

Such reports are not unusual from EVERY FAMILY churches.

Senatobia: Dr. H. L. Martin, Senatobia, baptized eleven persons, six of whom were adults, at the close of the service Sunday evening and the work in all departments of the church goes forward.

Another EF church.

New Albany: The Sunday school and worship services are the greatest in attendance and interest since I've been here.—J. P. Kirkland.

EF churches do more.

Ripley: I believe having the Baptist Record in every home in our church has increased our attendance and our offerings. I wish that every Baptist church in the state had that plan.—J. B. Parker. EVERY one should.

Waynesboro: For the first time in the history of the church, the Sunday school of the Waynesboro Baptist Church has reached the Standard of Excellence. A new building completed only a few years ago is crowded, and they now need much more space to care for the people. The spirit of the church is great and the growth most encouraging.

Just what we would expect of an EF church.

Purvis: Another school to come in on the Standard list is Purvis. This is also the first time that school has ever been so recognized. The pastor is Rev. D. A. Hogan, and the superintendent J. B. Byrd. Again congratulations also to them on this fine work! Another EF church.

News and Truths About Our Home Mission Work

HOME MISSION BOARD

J. B. LAWRENCE, Executive Secretary

JOE BURTON, Publicity Secretary

Receipts in June, 1940.....	\$39,233.18
Receipts in June, 1939.....	\$29,946.74
Increase.....	\$ 9,286.44

THE PICKWICK SECTION

Rev. Percy Ray, our missionary to the Pickwick Dam section including northeast Mississippi, northwest Alabama, and south central Tennessee, reports that he is in a great meeting in the Pickwick Dam community. His tent is located several miles from any church. The people are coming in great crowds and Brother Ray says, "The prospects are fine for building a Baptist work in this section."

Brother Ray is building now his third church in the country. These church houses are brick veneer, commodious, costing about \$2,500, and are paid for as built, and dedicated without debt.

A DEAD PIG, BUT A LIVE CHRISTIAN

A member of the Mexican church at Cameron, Texas, served by Rev. C. Hernandez Rios, missionary, has realized that for a Christian to work on Sunday is wrong.

This Mexican member worked a few hours several Sundays and for his work received a beautiful pig. He had several other pigs and was very happy to have this new one.

Some time afterward, the man came to brother Rios and said, "My beautiful pig that I received for my Sunday work is dead. I realize that a Christian can't rob God and be successful. I will nevermore attempt to work on Sundays because I learned the lesson God gave me in this simple manner."

BAPTIZING NAVAJOS

A twenty-three-year-old Indian student at the Navajo Government School in Santa Fe, N. M., recently witnessed a baptismal service for the first time in his life—on the occasion of his own baptism. Four other students were baptized at the same time, writes Miss Pauline Cammack, missionary.

THE GOSPEL CHANGES LIVES

At a R. A. meeting at the House of Happiness under the direction of Miss Helen Lambert, the missionary told a story of some boys who had come under the influence of the gospel.

Some boys were playing ball by the House of Happiness a few days later and broke a basement window, although the missionary did not know it. The boys who had broken the window came to the front door of the house and called, "Miss Helen, we have broken a basement window." One young Greek fellow who had been recently converted said, "The other boys were going to leave and not say anything about it, but when I thought about the story you told at our R. A. meeting about being steadfast and truthful, I decided to stay and tell you, and then the others decided to stay with me."

"Oh, how proud we are of these boys!" writes Miss Lambert. "How worthwhile it is to help build Christian character."

MISSIONARY PRYOR ON THE WING

Rev. R. A. Pryor, missionary to the Indians in New Mexico, has been telling the story of missionary needs in Missouri, Pennsylvania, Washington, Maryland, North Carolina, and Texas. This itinerary was made in connection with his visit to the Southern Baptist Convention at Baltimore.

On his return he taught Teepee Trails to classes of boys and girls. There were seventy-four girls in the class and 126 boys that took the examination.

LIBRARY OPENED IN NEW ORLEANS MISSION

A new library which grew out of the need for good literature in the homes has been opened at the Rachel Sims Memorial Mission in New Orleans by the missionaries, Miss Gladys Keith and Mrs. Leona Wollforth.

When she discovered the unwholesome literature being read by many of the children and parents in the community, Miss Keith started a movement immediately for the library.

Now she is happy to report that 600 books have been placed on the shelves, most of them gifts from W. M. U. Circles and from individuals. One room in the mission is the library.

THE CHINESE IN OUR MIDST

Rev. Shau Yan Lee, our missionary to the Chinese, finds his people very responsive to the Gospel. On a tour recently he stopped at Jacksonville, Fla., and found a large group of Chinese who were, as he expressed it, "so very happy to meet me and hear the Gospel."

In the same tour he visited Augusta, Ga., and spent four days preaching the Gospel to his people. There were seventy-five in attendance, three were converted and will be baptized by Rev. Paul Caudill, pastor of the First Church. At Norfolk, Va., in a one-week's meeting, eight Chinese accepted Christ. The work in El Paso where he is stationed is very encouraging.

PROGRESS AT ENSLEY

Miss Bertha Wallis, Home Board missionary at the Good Will Center in Ensley, near Birmingham, Ala., reports a splendid vacation Bible school in which thirty-four were enrolled. These are the children of the Italians in the community.

Miss Wallis says, "The hindrances were many. Of course the priest started activities in the morning at his church to keep the children from coming. We had, however, many new Italian children enrolled."

THE FUTURE OF THE DENOMINATIONAL COLLEGE

An Address Delivered by F. W. Boatwright Before the Southern Baptist Convention, June 14, 1940

(This is the second installment, the first appearing in last week's issue.—Editor.)

Since the facts and conditions I have cited make the future of the denominational college seem uncertain and precarious, it may be well to ask ourselves whether these colleges any longer serve a worthy purpose. Are they like our vermiform appendixes, or the gill slits behind our ears, useful in an earlier age, but now obsolete and useless? They were founded to educate ministers and missionaries, to build character in all their students, to furnish leadership for the churches, and to protect the faith of the founders, especially as exemplified in the rising generation. Not the same emphasis would now be laid upon all these aims, and there are some who would say that all four objectives are outmoded or otherwise met. Men in high educational positions declare it is no part of the business of a college to build character; that if a college develops the student's intellect it has performed its full duty. Those who hold this view also argue that the state schools can give the prospective minister all the education he needs prior to his entrance into a theological seminary. They also insist that it is no part of the duty of a college to protect the peculiar faith of its founders because religious controversies have largely disappeared and sectarian views are no longer subject to attack.

Let us make all concessions to these arguments

that the facts of experience will permit, and there still remain several considerations which are strongly favorable to the continued maintenance of denominational colleges. Let us freely recognize that state-supported schools, from the primary school to the university, are essential to the republic. They are carrying, and must always carry, a major portion of the burden of education in all its grades. But they are also subject to the limitations of the state itself. The schools of the state are fundamentally utilitarian and vocational. They must serve the economic and political ends of the state.

The colleges founded by the denominations are still leadership institutions. They are fountains of idealism and enthusiasms in a defeatist epoch of history. They train 85% of the preachers, missionaries and outstanding Christian leaders of today. The churches would indeed fare ill if their colleges should disappear. Again, they are yet, as they have always been, builders of character. Not that they have always succeeded with all their students, but this has been a definite goal and in general has been measurably attained. These colleges have first of all insisted upon character in their faculties, knowing well that character is caught as well as taught. European universities have not set up such a character requirement, and naturally have not undertaken to build character in their students. They have held that if a teacher's scholarship was adequate then the university administration should not inquire too closely into his private life and character. This view is upheld by some educators in America as was illustrated in a recent appointment to a chair in one of our largest municipal colleges. Bismarck is reported to have said of the students in German universities in his time that one-third of them should never have been admitted, one-third went to the devil and the remaining third ruled Germany. This was intended as a weighty tribute to higher education, but Christian educators think the human scrap heap was entirely too large. No age has needed character in its citizens more than the age in which we live, and character is based in Christian morality. Intellectual keenness may be likened to the blade of an axe and character to the butt of the axe. The weight of the butt gives the keen edge of the axe its cutting power.

A third consideration which seems not to have been prominent in the minds of the early founders of denominational colleges in America, but which has been more evident in recent times, is their stabilizing value to the state itself. We live in changeful and tumultuous times. Many, even heads of states, seem to have lost their mental balance. The drift is undoubtedly away from the checks and balances of the founders of the republic and towards a more centralized government. Administrators and teachers in the tax-supported schools are dependent for their appointment and promotion upon the political state and cannot always be depended on to cry out against encroachment upon the liberties of the people. There is need for centers of enlightenment in every state where democracy is understood and cherished and where men will speak their minds regardless of political fear or favor. Our colleges on private foundations, including our denominational colleges, are such centers, and in proportion as they are strong and independent they will more and more offer wise and moderate leadership in days of confusion and bewilderment. They are today strong bulwarks of democracy and are safeguarding our republic. I used to appeal to philanthropists on Christian grounds to support our denominational colleges. Today I appeal to them on patriotic grounds as well. In recent years we have seen in the South certain would-be dictators make ridiculous playthings of their state universities, but the denominational colleges in these states stabilized education and quietly helped to bring the people back to their senses. Such political phenomena would doubtless occur oftener but for the silent yet powerful influence of the colleges on private foundation.

(To be continued)

Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:

"LOVE NEVER FAILS," I Cor. 13:8b

Worship * Serve * Give

"And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ." Acts 5:42.

Win Someone to Him!

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Isaiah 58:10, "And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noon day."

Does the writer desire real revival to be visited upon us? Is his heart right with God and man? God will not work with hearts that persist in unrighteousness!

Does a pastor want a great revival spirit manifest? Is he lazy, careless, indifferent? God will work with busy hands, feet and tongue!

Does a minister long for souls for his hire? Is he jealous? Does he long for pre-eminence among the brethren or at the Convention? II Chron. 7:14-15.

Do deacons sincerely crave spiritual revival? Have they confessed their sins?

Do teachers and leaders in the church hunger for heaven to visit earth in revival blessing, soul saving? Have they really prayed?

Let us examine our church programs and see if we did anything this year not tried last year.

Just wishing weakly for revival will not bring it.

God is ready. God waits on us. We know He will give it! He has given it in the past! He is giving it in places today! Why not to you, or to us? Have we paid the price?

Have we gone after more lost souls in visitation? What wait we on? Have our sermons been more solicitous, more evangelistic? Have we distributed more soul-stirring literature? Have we made the song service more spiritual? Have we prayed more at prayer meeting for the lost? Have we written more letters to the lost? Have we studied practical scriptures on soul winning and passages on salvation? Have we had more study classes in training in soul seeking? Have we conducted more mission services in neglected areas? Have we held more revival services in our own church, or, just depended on the one annual, formal and stated services? Have we planned, worked, prayed for and expected folks to be saved Sunday after Sunday?

If we have not done these things, manifested such spirit, are we sincere when we talk about wanting a revival!

In measure as we have gone on in these things God's power has been visited upon us!

II

Mississippi Baptists need to organize in associational evangelism! We need to pray and plan in associational spheres for soul winning! We need to reach our men of His church for soul winning. These men need to go out as in the days of Jesus in the flesh. They may tell His story!

We might begin on the coast in the early spring, conducting revivals in all cooperating churches. Sweep on upstate, closing out in the churches of North Mississippi in the Fall. Angels would sing, Heaven would rejoice at the results of such a campaign. Souls would be saved; backsliders would be reclaimed; the weak would be made strong. Fences of sin would fall; Satan would be routed; joy would reign in churches; Jesus would be a chief topic of conversation.

Again Mississippi Baptists might designate a month, or two months, when every cooperating church would have a series of revival services. Impractical? Yes, if we desire to let little things stand in the way. God—giants, or, grasshoppers? Why not a spiritual blitzkrieg against Satan in Mississippi!

III

We desire a revival of real religion, so we say. We talk quite a bit about it. Do we pray for it in proportion? You have heard comments and discussions all along about the desired evangelism. Have you heard much pleading with God about it? Has there been much wrestling with God about it, i.e. Jacob? Have we agonized much regarding soul saving?

Have we sincerely confessed our sins, or, have we added to our sins in indifference, hate, variance, covetousness and all the others of I Cor. 6:9-12; Gal. 6:7-9; §:17-26; Eph. 5:1-4.

Is Christ the power we profess? Then, He may make us that we ought to be! Is the Spirit of God as real and able as we preach? Then He may lead us aright! John 16:13.

Occasionally we hear, "If so and so (some church or denominational leader) has religion, I don't want it." So say we all!

But we want Christ! We want Him with us! We want Him over us! We want Him in us! Then our Christianity will be real, not a sham!

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Recent dates:

The Philadelphia B. T. U. district conference registered a large attendance. It was good to meet with pastors and laymen of that section again. Pastor Corder, B. T. U. director, Mrs. E. S. Cole and others entertained in characteristic fashion.

Triple meet—Dallas group, Executive Committee and Advisory Committee executed contracts in secretary's office on Ministers Retirement and Board's Employee's plans.

On Sunday privileged to be in a Jackson County meet at 11 A. M. Pastor - Moderator - Board member Brock, presiding. Pastor Taylor and Escatawpa saints as hosts. In the afternoon we drove to Laurel, 2nd Avenue, to be with Pastor Thompson and church family in a great all-day service. In the evening opened a revival at Kreole, one of our new, aggressive churches on the coast. Made 525 miles this day—tired but happy.

In revival 13 additions, 11 for baptism. All pastors of the county were most hospitable.

As usual we showed pictures from trip around world and of U. S. A. giving mission emphasis.

Met with large group in Pascagoula W. M. U. to speak on work. God is blessing our work in this section, giving it growth and spirit.

Heard story frequently of one layman who figured in organizing 3 other churches.

Need is still great. Mormons and Holy Rollers are working sections we are neglecting.

A woman of 40 said to another, "Please give me a Bible. At the age of 12 I wanted to confess Christ. Father agreed, Mother refused. I have never felt an urge since."

Another woman in tears to pastor in home, "You are the first person in 12 years to suggest prayer in the home."

The folks came to church filling the house, "the week the rains began." Pastor J. C. Taylor and Mrs. Taylor are greatly beloved.

State Board member Brock showed a great shepherd heart in attending most services. Pastors Day, Windham and Sullivan were also fine.

Great Brotherhood meeting at Laurel—225 men present, despite rain. Jones County pastors cooperating and outsiders present. Harry Smallwood presided.

House half filled at Van Winkle prayer meet, despite rain. Pastor Blackford in hospital.

Acts 5:42.

BR

Catchings: The second Daily Vacation Bible school in the history of our church closed a very successful two weeks session here recently, in connection with the Youth's revival. Services were conducted by Rev. Vernon Savell, a June graduate of Mississippi College. The enrollment and attendance of school and revival were good. By the diligent work of faculty and cooperation of students the school was able to reach standard A, of which we are very proud. A splendid congregation witnessed the commencement exercises which were very instructive as well as inspirational.—Reporter.

NOW CLUB

DOUBLING THE FIVE THOUSAND CLUB
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Slogan: "DON'T PUT IT OFF—PUT IT OVER"

Deut. 23:21—When thou shalt vow a vow unto the Lord thy God, thou shalt not slack to pay it: for the Lord thy God will surely require it of thee, and it would be sin in thee.

I

Mississippi Baptists, why not try God's way! "Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return?"

Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and your you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts.

And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Lord of hosts."

II

Last week we took up two bonds saving Mississippi Baptists \$900.00 in principal and interest. This was made possible primarily by receipts of the Now Club and Five Thousand Club, undergirded by the Cooperative Program receipts. A few other such bonds are available NOW. Do you think the saving worthwhile? Just wishing for the saving won't bring it about! Some money from your hands NOW will effect it!

III

Certificate No. 183 for \$50, No. 63 for \$250, each from a member of Rosedale church, (McLaurin, field worker).

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No. 566 for \$36, No. 567 for \$36, No. 568 for \$36, No. 569 for \$36, each from a member of Yazoo City church, (Mrs. Webb Brame, worker).

BR

J. E. Dillard: We must help our stricken British brethren. How they have suffered! How they are suffering! The call is pathetic; it is urgent; we cannot close our eyes; we must hear and heed and help. Can we do anything? We certainly can. LET'S DO IT.

The paragraph given below was taken from a pamphlet written by William Carey the father of British Baptist missions. The pamphlet itself was written with the purpose of influencing the British Baptists to send out missionaries to foreign lands: BY MY SPIRIT: However the influence of the Holy Spirit may be set at naught, and run down by many, it will be found upon trial, that all means which we can use, without it, will be ineffectual. If a temple is raised for God in the heathen world, it will not be by might, nor by power, nor by the authority of the magistrate, or the eloquence of the orator, but "by My Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts." We must therefore be in real earnest in supplicating His blessing upon our labors.—William Carey. "An Enquiry into the Obligation of Christians," 1792.

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

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Miss Georgia Ogburn, Meridian, Mississippi, who has been doing field work in our W. M. U. Department for the past two summers, will leave Meridian July 20th and will sail July 26th from New York for Santiago, Chile, S. Amer. I am quite sure you friends will want to put her on your calendar of prayer, praying daily that she have a safe trip. Add to your list also, her loved ones at home.

We are hoping to have some news notes from our 35 Y. W. A.'s from Mississippi attending the Southwide Y. W. A. Camp at Ridgecrest next week. We are happy that so many of them are having this opportunity this year.

The announcements for our last State Wide Houseparty and Camps for this year will be found on this page. We are striving to make these the best ever. We are to have Miss Alberta Steward, Brazil, Miss Auris Pender, China, and Miss Elma Currin, Associate Young People's Secretary of the South, as our guest speakers and teachers. There will possibly be others equally as interesting to our girls. It will be worth a sacrifice to send your girls.

Y. W. A. CAMP

July 29-August 2—Opens 10 a.m.—Closes after Lunch. Castalian Springs, near Durant

Here are the Notes in this song:

Many things are waiting for you there—

Fun, Fellowship, Friendship with other Y. W. A.'s, counselors, teachers, speakers and missionaries.

Yes, you are the one we want. Wouldn't it be fine if every Y. W. A. organization would be represented! Select your very finest girls—those that can get a blessing and can bring it back.

Send 50c for each girl coming to camp and also send the names not later than July 25th to Edwina Robinson, Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi.

In your bag bring along your: Bible, Y. W. A. Manual, sheets, pillow case, towels, 50c for mission study book.

Counselors come and bring your girls with you. Each counselor bringing 5 girls or more will be entertained free. The cost for each girl is \$5.00.

Let's make MUSIC together!

INTERMEDIATE G. A. HOUSE PARTY July 26-29

Registration begins 9:30, July 26—House Party closes 9 a. m., July 29th.

PLACE—Castalian Springs, near Durant.

PRICE—\$4.00 each. Counselors bringing 5 or more girls will be entertained free.

PEOPLE — Missionaries, speaker, Associate Southwide Young People's Leader, State Officers, Training School girls and others.

PACK—Your Bible, Manual, sheet, towels, pillow case, bathing suit, 50c for mission study book.

PLEASE—send the names of your girls planning to attend and 50c for each girl (a part of the \$4.00) NOT LATER than July 22nd to Edwina Robinson, Box 530, Jackson, Miss.

Dr. W. E. Denham of St. Louis writes that his youngest son, Charles, is to be married in Newton on July the 30th. He and his wife will come down for the ceremony. This would be a good opportunity for some church of the state, needing a supply for July 28th to get one of the best. Dr. Denham may be contacted by writing or wiring him at 4846 Fountain Avenue, Saint Louis, Missouri.

THE GUARDIAN OF CHENGCHOW

By Joy Homer

(Continued from last week)

Bombs and Bullets

Even bullets seem to have no effect upon these people. It was a week ago that news came through of the pending arrival of two missionaries, and man and wife, from Kaifeng, across the river. It has been the habit for some time now for missionaries, as well as Chinese, to cross the lines between Japanese occupied Kaifeng and Chengchow. It is quite simple. One has merely to cross the Yellow River and one has changed sides, so to speak. Neither the Japanese nor the Chinese object to these crossings, and on the whole the trip is not dangerous. Certainly missionaries have been taking it with as much nonchalance as New Yorkers cross the East River.

On this occasion, Miss Hoover, who is the Red Cross representative in Chengchow and handles the river crossings, went out to the river bank to meet the couple coming through. She waited three days by the river, for the pair had been detained in Kaifeng. At last they appeared, trudging across the long sands to the opposite bank with over a hundred pieces of luggage (most of them medical supplies for the hospital) loaded onto a great train of donkeys, each donkey accompanied by its coolie attendant. It was an impressive looking caravan. To the pilot of the lone Japanese plane that just passed overhead, it must have looked like a band of mauling guerrillas. He banked and returned to the scene. There was no place for his victims to hide, no ditches or trees; the river was far too swift to offer protection. The pilot loosed his bombs.

Down by the river bank, the anxious little crowd heard the familiar whine of the falling missiles. They lay flat on the bare sands—there was nothing else to do—and held their breath. The first bomb exploded on the opposite bank 20 yards from where Miss Hoover was crouched. She was covered with dirt but not even scratched. The second bomb was intended for the donkey train across the river, but its mechanism was faulty and it clung to the undercarriage of the plane for one precious second overtime. Finally it fell exploding a mile away. The pilot must have seen his mistake, for the circled back to the kill. It was his job. He meant to do it well. This time he power-dived and machine-gunned the helpless and completely exposed crowd. They crouched wordlessly on the bank while bullets churned up the sand about them. The plane roared low over their heads, its guns yammering. The pilot circled back, watching the still forms below. Most of them at any rate must be dead. He banked and disappeared in the direction of Kaifeng.

A moment later, the missionaries, the coolies, and the donkeys were on their feet. The men looked at each other with stark unbelief. The sand about them was all pitted with bullet holes. But in that deliberate baptism of fire at close range, not one man and not one beast had been hit.

There is only one way to tell the story of Chengchow — without argument or explanation. The last incident which I shall recount will be believed or disbelieved according to the nature of the reader. I know it to be true, for I saw it occur. Beyond that, I cannot go.

The incident concerns a school for refugees which the Baptist mission has been running under the direction of Miss Hoover. The school is housed in the buildings of what was a high-priced boarding school in the days before bombings had sent the wealthy and their offsprings

to the imagined safety of West China. with a dramatic irony typical of China's war, the school is now providing free, first-class education and board for homeless, destitute refugee children who have, most of them, never been able to attend school before in their lives. For some months now the children have been given a certain amount of Christian training and Bible study work in addition to their regular school work. To some of them it is still too new to mean very much. But they have been caught by the colorful stories, and they try with all their small minds to be good Christians. Instinctively they believe what they hear of Christ and the Gospel.

In a recent raid, word came to the hospital that the school had been bombed. We hurried over. Two bombs had made direct hits on the boys' dormitory, reducing it to a disintegrated heap of bricks and heavy timber. There were workers already digging quickly at the ruins.

"Anyone inside?"

"Yes, some down there. They seem to be alive."

Listening, we could hear the sounds of muffled weeping. For some time we worked in silence, removing heavy beams and scattered bricks. It seemed impossible that anyone should be alive beneath that ugly heap. At last we found them, buried beneath two feet of solid bricks and timbers—three small boys, lying flat on their stomachs and sobbing for breath. They were lifted out, one by one, and carried into separate rooms where they were put to bed and examined. Too terrified with shock to speak, they finally grew calm enough to talk about the bombing. We questioned those boys individually, before they had seen each other. Each one of them told precisely the same story, in almost the same words. They were too young and far too scared to make anything up. Furthermore, they had had no time together in which to concoct the story, and it is quite impossible for three children to imagine exactly the same thing. They spoke simply and truthfully, without wonder or embarrassment. This is what they told.

When the air raid alarm sounded, instead of going into the dugout, they went to their dormitory. Before long they heard the planes, the low deadly hum growing louder until it was directly overhead. In terror, the three youngsters knelt down and began to pray, as they had been taught to pray by their Christian teachers. One of them started to mumble the Lord's prayer:

"Ohmen zai tien shang di Fu . . ."

Suddenly they saw a figure dressed in white standing before them. He smiled and spoke to them in a quite voice.

"Lie perfectly flat," he said, "and I will cover you with my robe."

The boys quickly flattened out on the floor. Less than a second later, two bombs exploded within the room in which they were lying, and they were buried beneath two feet of thickly packed brick and timber.

This is the story told by three small scared Chinese boys on an afternoon in the front-line city of Chengchow. But the strangest part of all is the fact that there was not a scratch, nor a bruise, nor a mark upon them.

Someone is watching over the Christians of Chengchow. Even the Chinese know this.

New Albany: Dr. Houston Hall of DeLand, Fla., preached to an overflowing house last Sunday morning. He preached a fine sermon on "Missionary Needs." Four joined the church by letter. Dr. Hall is a native of New Albany.

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school for church workers and any
others who enjoy spiritual knowl-
edge and culture.

This school is to consist of ten
forty-five minute periods according
to the standards of the Baptist Sun-
day School Board at Nashville, Ten-
nessee. Two of these periods will
occur on Sunday afternoon of Aug-
ust 18th from 2:30 till 4:00 and the
other eight periods the following
day Monday the 19th between 9:00
a. m. and 4:00 p. m. with inter-
missions for the comfort of the
students.

The school is to be conducted in
the buildings of the public school
in Utica, Miss., which have been
so generously tendered for the con-
venience of this great undertaking.
Students carry lunches and will
spread and eat together in the din-
ing hall.

Full credits in teacher training
will be awarded all who attend as
many as seven of the ten periods,
read the book which is the basis
of the course taken, and stand a
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teacher in charge. Examinations
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riod and will be easy and within
the scope of the principles empha-
sized during the study.

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the convention is as follows: Lead-
ing to the diploma: 1. Outlines of
Bible History. 2. Building a Stan-
dard Sunday School. 3. Some Learn-
ing Processes. 4. When Do Teach-
ers Teach. A book on evangelism,
How to Win to Christ, and one on
records, The Sunday School Secre-
tary and the Six Point Record Sys-
tem. For department workers will
be offered, The Adult Department
of the Sunday School, The Young
People's Department of the Sun-
day School, The Extension Depart-
ment of the Sunday School, The Art
of Teaching Intermediates, Guid-
ing Junior Boys and Girls in the
Sunday School, Guiding the Pri-
mary Child in the Sunday School,
and Guiding the Little Child in the
Sunday School.

Teachers for the school are be-
ing secured and their names will
be published later. This letter is
hastened so that pastors and su-
perintendents may publicize the
school and enlist many of their peo-
ple to avail themselves of this most
wonderful opportunity.

Let each one select the course
he wishes to take, get the book for
the selected course and read it be-
fore August 18th. The books are
on sale at the Baptist Book Store at
500 East Capitol Street, Jackson,
Miss. Each church may order for
its members or individual purchases
may be made.

Let us plan now for this great
day of spiritual fellowship and joy-
ous season of culture and efficiency
in Christian service.

Judson M. Cook, Associate
Supt. of Teacher Training.

SUFFER THE LITTLE CHILDREN

Richmond, Va. — (F.M.B.) — Dr.
Emory Ross of New York City, for-
merly a missionary to Africa and
at present executive secretary of
the Africa Committee functioning
with the Foreign Mission Confer-
ence of North America, has writ-
ten to the Foreign Mission Board
of the Southern Baptist Convention
concerning the placement in the U.
S. of the children of British mis-
sionaries to Africa. Dr. and Mrs.
Ross and others have already vol-
unteered to take several of these
children and he writes in part as
follows: "The question has been
raised in our minds as to whether
friends in America interested par-
ticularly in African matters might
want to consider inviting to America
children of other British mission-
aries in service in Africa. I have
today been in telephonic conversa-
tion with all representatives I
could reach of boards and organiza-
tions in New York having special
African interests, and without ex-
ception their replies have been fav-
orable to the sending of this letter
of inquiry to you at once. "Miss B.
D. Gibson, assistant secretary of the
International Missionary Council in
London, arrived in New York on
June 21 to be here for the duration
of the war. We have discussed the
matter fully with her and she feels
that an offer of this kind is one
that would be deeply appreciated
by our friends in Britain and in
Africa. We have asked her to make
preliminary inquiries by cable and
by air as to how many children
there might be involved in such a
plan.

"The following would seem to be
among the placement possibilities:

- (a) Missionary rest rooms.
 - (b) Schools for missionaries' chil-
dren.
 - (c) Boarding schools which might
be willing to admit one or more
such children.
 - (d) Private homes where one or
more might be accommodated.
 - (e) Some large private homes in
suitable locations which might be
made available for groups of chil-
dren, with missionary couples or
other Christian friends in charge.
- "There are three or four general
organizations already in operation
in the United States for caring for
European children brought here. We

have made no approach to these,
but think it likely that some facili-
ties and some actual aid might be
obtained through them. Would you
be good enough to let us know im-
mediately what your feeling is:
Shall prompt efforts be made to car-
ry out a plan like this? Could you
or friends you might interest take
responsibility for caring for a speci-
fied number of children? Is there
any other counsel you can give? Let
me say again that all the friends
I have been able to get on the tele-
phone today are strongly moved to
do everything they can personally
in an effort of this sort. Please let
me know your feeling as early as
possible. As British friends said
here over the week-end, the next
few weeks in Britain are likely to
be the most critical ones in the de-
struction of property and of life."

Southern Baptists are invited to
make known their feelings in this
matter by writing to the Foreign
Mission Board. If you have any
practical suggestions to offer, they
will be most welcome.

"ROY WAS A SOLDIER"

Roy Arnold was a Soldier,
He fought a valiant fight,
To shield the righteous from all sin,
He made the world seem right.

He taught and prayed as a Soldier,
He loved every human heart,
In every Christian act or deed,
Roy Arnold had a part.

The memory of every Christian
Soldier,
Lives in other Soldier's hearts,
That is why we miss you Roy,
But God said, "We must part."

Roy, you left a group of Soldiers,
Standing hand in hand,
We plan to live, and join you,
When God gives His great com-
mand.

—The "Soldiers Class"
Parkway Baptist Church
By S. W. Hammett, Jr.

S. S. AND B. T. U. ATTENDANCE JULY 14

Jackson, First Church	900	110
Jackson, Davis	209	59
Jackson, Griffith	657	219
Pascagoula Church	207	93
New Albany	448	105
Mantee Church	135	43
Bethlehem	129	61
New Zion, Copiah	112	
Double Springs	82	
Tate St., Corinth	128	18
Main St., Hattiesburg	421	137
Bethel No. 3	101	
Bethlehem, Choctaw	47	
Heuck's Retreat	90	
Money-Riverside	32	36
15th Ave., Meridian	401	
Union	174	25
Vicksburg, First	457	167
Florence, Steen's Creek	121	32
Concord, Franklin	85	
Sardis, Neshoba Co.:		
June 30	12	
July 7	31	
July 14	92	

Waitress: "I have stewed kidneys,
boiled tongue, fried liver, and pig's
feet."

Hard executive: "Don't tell me
your troubles, sister, give me a
chicken pie."

"GIVE TO BRITISH MISSIONS IF
YOU CANNOT GIVE TO BOTH"
President W. W. Hamilton
New Orleans, La.

The Baptist Bible Institute in its
plea for money to meet its interest
obligation due August first has in-
cluded in its advertisements the
request that friends of the Institute
give to British missions if they can-
not give to both. We must not fail
to make full and sacrificial response
to the appeal for this world-wide
call of our Baptist brethren.

One writer has stated the case
about as follows. The 407 mission-
aries must "surrender" their God-
given task, or they must go on and
"starve" at their places of service,
or we must "sacrifice" in their be-
half. There can be no question as
to the decision which Southern Bap-
tists will make in such an emergen-
cy.

There may be some comparatively
big donations by those who can give
largely, but the unprecedented privi-
lege should not be denied our peo-
ple, even on out to the last man,
women, and child. Let parents and
pastors and superintendents and
teachers and leaders and sponsors
make it possible for each and every-
one to have part in this love gift to
our Saviour.

Let the children offer their five
loaves and two fishes, let the frag-
ments be gathered, let our men and
women know the joy of minister-
ing to the necessities of Christ's
great servants, and of taking part
in what will probably be the most
unselfish giving they have ever
known.

As has been stated we can do this
without in the least hindering any
of our regular work. On the other
hand giving in response to such a
call will tend to awaken and
strengthen every generous impulse.
Let every church and every Sunday
school and every organization see
that every Southern Baptist knows
of the emergency and let the Sun-
days of July 7-14-21 cover a blitz-
appeal which will bring a joyous
victory.

"PRAY DAILY—GIVE QUICK-
LY—EXPECT VICTORY."

A California authoress sent a
manuscript to Ambrose Pierce with
the request that he give her a
"criticism in one sentence and drop
further comment." Something was
heard to drop up and down the
Pacific coast when he replied: "The
covers of your book are too far
apart."

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Sunday School Lesson

By L. Bracey Campbell

Lesson for July 21 JOB'S REPENTANCE AND RESTORATION

Job 42:1-14

Introduction. Trouble with us all is that we have a notion that we know all about God. "This is what I want, and it is what God also wants." "This is the way I see the matter, and that is also the way God sees it." "This is what I think, and it is also what God thinks." We state our position, and we say, "Am I right in this? Of course I am, and God knows I am right." "I know what God will do (at least, I know what He ought to do about it), and you'll see I am right." So when God does not do what we think He ought we are all torn up about it, and all out of sorts on account of it.

It was so in the case of Job, not only, but in that of his friends as well. They knew all about God, but they did not intimately know God. At the beginning of this experience, Job knew a lot about God, but he did not know God in intimate communion. Herein he learned to know God.

Does a man get to know God without some experience of suffering? Does a man come really to know God under skies that are always clear and unclouded? I shall answer, "No!" No man whose life's stream flows smoothly ever comes to know God with any degree of precious completeness. Let us sit with Job a few minutes and listen to him as he expresses the new conception of God which has come to him through the medium of his experience with God.

I. Job's Profounder Knowledge of God. Job 42:1-5.

Job came in God's way to see God, that is, of course, to perceive, really to understand God.

"I had heard of thee by the hearing of the ear; But now mine eye seeth thee."

And what did this seeing do to Job?

1. It deepened and broadened his vision of God.

And this richer knowledge of God had come to Job through a contact rendered more intimate in that it was the contact of the valley of suffering, the anguish-darkened valley of the shadow of death. They tell me that you can see the stars with the naked eye at mid-day, if you are down in a well, a deep, dark well, and you look up out of it. The star that pulses above that well will be perfectly visible to you.

2. Job came to know God as the One who knows all things.

We know nothing with any degree of fullness. Only God knows. The writer of these words was awake, vainly awake, deep in the night two days ago, worrying over a problem the solution of which rests only with God. How wise it would be on the part of all of us who worry, if we just knew how to trust in the omniscience of God,

and then trusted in His goodness to us as well! I think Job learned to do that, too.

3. Job came to know God as the One who wields all power.

The word above written is "all power." God wields all power. There is no power but of God. Can this be, now? Is there not devilish power, sinister power, evil power? Over all power is the power of God. Hold to that. No thing is done or can be done without the consent of God to do it.

Some years ago it was my privilege to preach a sermon in which I laid down the proposition that the devil is the refiner of the faithful, and the proposition gave some of the brethren grave offense. But in the book of Job, at least, Satan performed the function of purging out of Job a lot of Job's false ideas, and of instilling into him a spirit of willingness to wait for the fuller revelation of God. Oh! No! The devil did not so intend it in the case of Job, he does not so intend it in the case of anybody, but it is the delight of the Lord to make the enemies of His grace do His wish, and the outcome of all that Satan did to Job was the product of a finer Job, a better man, a more faithful servant, and more loyal friend of God.

Be sure of this: All that Satan did to Job, he did only because God permitted it. And why did God permit it? You may ask this in any case where the devil makes you to suffer, but in the case of Job it appears clear to me God did it in order to Job's refinement and advancement in all the love and care and prosperity in God.

4. How Job got his better knowledge of God.

It was by his experience with God. It was now no mere matter of what someone had told him, that Job knew of God. As you know your best friend on earth by intimate experience with him, so Job had now come to know God.

The best friend I have in my church is a man who has been roundly denounced to me. We lunched together a few days ago, and, for the first time, he spoke in some measure of fullness of the matters which had divided brethren in the church councils some years ago. I came out the hour with him convinced that I knew my friend better than I had ever done before, and that he was more worthy of my confidence than I had ever conceived him to be before.

It is thus that you have made your real friends. They have been welded to you in the fervent heat of a comradeship in suffering, of effort, of agony. So Job came to know God.

5. Now Job repudiates self.

That is what a better knowledge of God always leads to. It always is that way, inside the Bible and out of it. Wherever men see God, come into a clearer conception of God, they see themselves as unworthy and small.

6. Job is accepted into a closer relationship by God.

And this is also true of every man who has been greatly used by God. A man sees God, and in the same glance sees himself, so different

from God. He tells God that, and God gives him cleansing and approval. See Joshua fall at the feet of Him with the drawn sword (Josh. 5:13-15); hear Isaiah cry, "Woe is me" (Isaiah 6:5-8); see Jeremiah realize that he cannot speak before the Lord has touched his mouth (Jeremiah 1:6-10); Ezekiel must fall on his face in full collapse of self before the Lord Jehovah can say, "I send thee" (Ezekiel 1:28; 2:1-10); hear Daniel say, "I saw—my comeliness was turned in me into corruption" (Daniel 10:5-12); stand beside John the beloved as he falls at the feet of his glorified Lord as dead, and lies there till the right hand of the Lord is laid upon him and voice of the Lord says, "Fear not" (Revelation 1:17).

Job's assertions of his worthiness are gone. God's approval of Job has come, and Job is exalted by the strength of God's own hand.

II. God Rebukes and Commands the Friends of Job. Job 42:7-10.

Job had said a lot of foolish things and his friends had said a lot of good and wise things, but the friends had not spoken the things that were right about God, and Job had done so. So Job becomes intercessor for his friends, and they become better men by offering sacrifices to the Lord and yielding themselves to the religious directions of Job.

III. Job Again Becomes Prosperous. Just read the remainder of the book and see.

RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, Reverend Ray M. Dykes has served Calvary Baptist Church for the past several months as supply Pastor, working earnestly, tirelessly and,

Whereas, Mr. Dykes is a splendid preacher; sound in Doctrine and faith and deeply spiritual and

Whereas, he came to us when we were without an active Pastor and during these months has served us most faithfully.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Deacons of Calvary Baptist Church in regular meeting assembled that we express to Mr. Dykes and his estimable wife our deep appreciation of the faithful service rendered among us.

Be it further resolved that we pray the blessings of God to be upon this fine couple and that they may be led of the Lord into paths of opportunity and service in the Master's cause.

Resolved further that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Board of Deacons and a copy be given to Mr. and Mrs. Dykes and a copy be furnished the Baptist Record for publication.

McCALL CREEK, NEW SALEM AND LUCIEN

McCall Creek B. J. U. had a study course May 26th through May 30th, in the Junior Intermediate and Senior Unions, with Miss Pearl Porter, Mrs. Frank Hall and the pastor composing the faculty. The attendance and interest was good.

Rev. Elton Barlow, Mrs. Fred Smith and Mrs. Grover Arnold taught the manuals to the Junior,

Intermediate and Senior B. T. U.'s in Lucien, June 17th through June 21st. This apparently was very successful for already the interest in the B. T. U. work has wonderfully increased.

Rev. O. P. Moore of New Augusta, will preach in the Lucien meeting the week of second Sunday in July.

New Salem has secured Rev. E. H. Dearman, a former beloved pastor who is now pastor at Kentwood, La., to preach in the meeting the week of third Sunday in July.

A newly appointed missionary to Uruguay, South America, is to preach for us at McCall Creek beginning the fourth Sunday in July.

We feel that we are indeed fortunate in securing the services of these consecrated brethren. Pray for us, and if you are in reach, be with us. —Elton Barlow, Pastor.

MASHULAVILLE

We enjoyed a very successful D. V. B. S. at Mashulaville during the last days of June. We enrolled 44 and had an average attendance of 39. The children seemed to thoroughly enjoy it but their joy in no way seemed to surpass that of the teachers and leaders. This was their first school but the vote was 100% for one next year.—M. Glenn Smith, Pastor.

We are very sorry to lose one of our oldest and most dependable church members and deacons at Sardis, Neshoba County. What is our loss is Heaven's gain. Bro. Jim Gray was called home Sunday night, June 30. He was one of the last three charter members of Sardis Church and one who could always be depended upon in any way for the advancement of the Kingdom. God's blessings rest on Mrs. Gray and the rest of the family.—M. Glenn Smith.

REUNION

Dr. P. H. Anderson was with us in special revival services the last twelve days in June. He brought plain pointed gospel messages and the membership was much strengthened in the faith.

The Lord gave us five splendid boys and girls during the meetings, and we expect to see results for months to come from these efforts.

We appreciate the splendid paper you are giving us and look forward to each succeeding issue. In our observance of Christian Home Week we made an addition to the program suggested by the Sunday School Board in asking one of our capable members to speak on "The Place and Value of the State Denominational Paper in the Home." The task was well done and we feel will prove helpful in stimulating interest in the reading of The Record that goes into each of our homes every week.

We expect to have a part in the offering for British Baptist Foreign Mission Work.—Lawrence B. Cobb.



Sunday School Department

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August First

The free offer by the Sunday school Board of a copy of Dr. J. M. Frost's great book "The Moral Dignity of Baptism" to any pastor who will either teach it or have it taught in his church, or churches, will expire August first.

Do not miss this fine offer. Order your copy now from the Baptist Book Store, Jackson, Miss. It will give you a great book free, and also give your people the rare privilege of profiting from it as you teach it to them.

Still Coming

The Vacation Bible school reports are still coming in large numbers. We are so anxious to have a report of every school held in the state this year. We can only do this as each school is reported by some one helping in it.

Be sure and send us a report of yours. If you need a blank, write us a card, and we shall gladly send it immediately. Don't take any chances about your school. If you are not certain about it, check on it to see if a report has been sent, and if not, do so at once. We want them just as quickly as we can get them this year.

Glowing indeed are the words coming from pastors, superintendents, teachers about their 1940 schools. Many professions of faith, unusual work done, fine increases in enrollment, etc., are some of the special features mentioned. How fine that these schools can be held in any church and the boys and girls helped by the great programs of song, worship, Bible study and stories, character and mission stories, hand work, note book work, etc.

There is yet plenty of time to have a school. Plan for yours yet and give them the opportunity of the Vacation Bible school. As long as they last we have on hand a few books that we will gladly lend to any school needing some financial help in this matter. Order now. First come, first served.

Another Standard

Congratulations are certainly in order to Superintendent D. D. Kennedy and the officers and teachers of the Young People's department of the First Baptist Church, Columbia, in bringing that department up to the Standard.

It is the first time in many, many years that this department has been on this list. By hard work, thorough training, consistent planning, and constant checking, point after point was met until the last one was reached.

There are other departments—and quite a few schools—that could do the same thing by some careful checking, planning, and a bit of extra work to meet the little that is lacking.

How about doing that right away

and give your school the encouragement that comes from having met a program that is worthy, well-balanced, and conducive to better work? Application blanks will be gladly sent on request.

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GRENADA BAPTISTS DEDICATE SITE OF NEW BUILDING

One hundred and two years after the establishment of the First Baptist Church in Grenada, the site of its new church building was dedicated by simple, but impressive, ceremonies Sunday afternoon, June 30, 1940, Mr. J. B. Perry, Sr., one of the leaders of the congregation, having charge of the ceremonies, and Mrs. T. H. Moore excavating the first dirt.

On June 30, 1838, the First Baptist Church of Grenada was organized, but that's another story which we have requested Mr. Perry to cover elsewhere. It was indeed fitting that, on the anniversary of the establishment of this church, ground should be broken for the erection of the handsome new church costing in all nearly \$60,000.00, at "McLean Point," purchased by the congregation, last Sunday afternoon; and it was also meet and proper that Mrs. T. H. Moore, oldest member of the church in point of continuous membership, and a grand daughter of Rev. James G. Hall, one of the founders of the church in 1838, should excavate the first spadefull of soil. Mrs. Moore, too, is mother, grandmother and great grandmother of more members of this church than any other living person. It would not be far amiss to say that she is "mother" of the church.

Mr. J. B. Perry, Sr., was in charge of the dedication ceremonies. It was he who briefly reviewed the history of the church, beginning with its establishment in 1838, the building of the new brick church in 1888, the burning of that church in December, 1939, as well as with the work incident to the raising of the money for the building of the new church. Mr. J. H. Oliver, another staunch member was asked to invoke the blessings of Deity upon the ground. This Mr. Oliver did in his usual sincere, simple manner.

Mrs. Moore was then asked to break ground, which she did. Mr. Perry then led in the singing of the old favorite, "Rock of Ages." After this, the assembled people were dismissed so that they could attend the Vesper Services.

Seated in posts of honor with Mrs. Moore, were two other old-time and honored members of the congregation, Mrs. Ellis Stokes Terrell and Mr. J. G. Weekes.

HANDBORO AND BILOXI SECOND MEETINGS

Brother M. E. Perry, State Mission Board Evangelist, came to us at Handsboro Sunday morning, June 16th, and conducted two services per day through Sunday morning, June 23rd. On Sunday night, June 23rd, Brother Perry began in Second Church Biloxi and ran through Sunday night, June 30th. Mrs. Perry was with us through meetings. She performed at the



Pictured here are a few hundred of the 1938 young Baptists who had registered during the first half of the fifteenth annual Southwide Baptist Student Retreat at Ridgecrest, North Carolina, June 19-27. These college students, representing all of the states from Maryland to New Mexico, participated in a program of instruction, recreation, and spiritual uplift promoted by the Baptist Student forces of the South and the Department of Student Work of the Sunday School Board, Frank H. Leavell, Secretary. Outstanding speakers who addressed the 1940 Retreat included Dr. George W. Truett, Mrs. Jessie Burrall Eubank, Charles J. St. John, Dr. Walter H. Judd, Charles A. Wells, Dr. W. W. Hamilton, Dr. J. E. Dillard, Dr. Harold W. Tribble, Dr. John L. Hill, Dr. T. L. Holcomb, Dr. Charles E. Maddry, and other active Christian leaders.

piano. A Vacation Bible School was conducted at each church during the meeting. Mrs. Perry assisted in both schools.

Five came on profession of faith at Handsboro and seven came on profession of faith at Second Biloxi and one came by letter. Two men who had been Catholic from birth came at Biloxi. It was my good pleasure to bury 10 in baptism at the close of the Sunday night service. Two are waiting to be baptized.

Brother Perry is a great preacher of the Word. We need more of his kind in our state and southland. Mrs. Perry is a pionist, par excellent. She did excellent work in our Vacation Bible Schools. I have never had more satisfactory work done in a meeting or meetings at any time that was done by Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Perry.—E. S. Flynt.

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BALA CHITTO

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Rev. H. A. Hunderup, Jr., pastor of Bala Chitto Church, brought two very inspiring messages to his congregation Sunday, July 7th. The

Lord's Supper was observed at the close of the morning service.

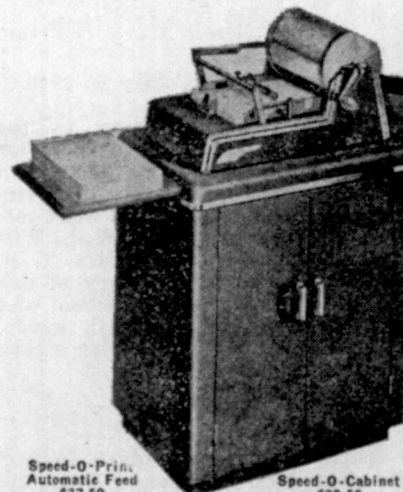
Plans were made for our Daily Vacation Bible School which will be held in connection with our revival that will begin August 4th and continue through August 9th. Our pastor will do the preaching and we also plan to have a state worker to help us in our Bible School.

We were delighted to have as our visitors Sunday, Miss Anna Jo Hunderup and Miss Mary Virginia Brown of Clinton, Miss.—Marguerite Burkhalter.

—BR—

He (after being kept waiting by unpunctual fiancée): "Well, I suppose I shouldn't complain; so far you've always got the day and month right."

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The Children's Circle

MRS. FRANCES LIPSEY STEELE

(Address all communications to Mrs. Frances Steele, Magee, Miss.)

My dear children:

It seems to me that we have an unusually interesting bunch of letters this week, from Jimmie's letter with the news about his used-to-be green chicken to Dr. Hamilton's with his encouraging words from B. B. I. Some of you have been profitably engaged in canning, hoeing and even plowing. (You sound mighty smart to me.) Some have been so faithful in Sunday School attendance that you have received awards. (Congratulations to you!) Some have been attending D. V. B. S. (I doubt if you could have been more happily employed.) Some have had birthdays since last heard from and some will be having birthdays soon. (We salute you with "Happy birthday to you!") Some have sent answers to puzzles and then shown interest by enclosing more Bible questions and a poem. (Thanks to you.) Some have had parties and picnics and happy-get-togethers. (The more the merrier.) Some of you have recently given your hearts to Jesus. (We rejoice with you.) And some have promoted the C. C. interests by sending helpful, generous gifts. (To you we are most grateful for this work could not continue without you.) To those who write for the first time, we extend a cordial "welcome, come again." To our "old timers" who write, may we just say that you warm our hearts with your continued and faithful support. What is better than a tried, true friend?

With love,

Mrs. Frances Steele

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Morton, Miss.
June 27, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my first time to write to the Children's Circle. I enjoy reading it very much. I have a chicken that I received last Easter. It was green. That is the only pet I have. I go to Sunday School every Sunday I can. Our preacher's name is Brother Jordan. My Sunday School teacher is Mrs. Gordy. I read the Children's Circle every week.

Your new member,
Jimmie Lee Hayes.

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1207 Central St.
Jackson, Miss.
July 4, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I am sorry to have been so long about writing again. I have accomplished quite a lot since the first time I wrote, Sunday week. July 14 is my birthday. I will be 13 years old. I passed to the eighth grade. I hope I will enjoy it as much as I did the seventh.

Some time ago I wrote to Pollie Sue Moore. She is one of the Children's Circle's many correspondents. I didn't know her personally, but after I wrote her she sent me an interesting letter. Last Sunday, June 30, I was to have received a pin for being 100% at Sunday School for 39 Sundays straight. I was in McComb, Miss., but I went to Sunday School there. I will get the pin next Sunday. I attend the Calvary Baptist Church here in Jackson. I am going to G. A. Camp at Castalian Springs on July 23, 1940.

Yours until I write again,
Mary Frances Byrd.

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Ackerman, Miss., July 5, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I just thought I would write a few words to let you know how we are getting along. We are all fine and hope that you are too. I still enjoy reading the Children's Circle every week. I am enjoying my summer vacation pretty well. Mother and

I have been hoeing most of the time and canning the rest. I have filled thirty-eight jars of different things myself. Mother and I have canned one hundred eleven jars. School was out May 17. I was promoted to the fourth grade. I am sending ten cents to the crippled children fund.

A friend, as ever,
Mary Ellen Oswalt.

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Vaughan, Miss., July 5, 1940.
Dear Mrs. Steele:

I am eight years old. I go to Black Jack church to Sunday school and B. Y. P. U., and I am also a member of the Sunbeam Band. Mrs. I. S. Dixon is my Sunday School teacher and Mrs. Will Dixon is the story hour leader. I love them very much. Brother T. F. Stroud is my pastor. I love him too. I enjoy reading the Children's page so much.

Your new friend,
Helen Pepper.

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Lorman, Miss., July 5, 1940.
Dear Mrs. Steele:

I have not forgotten the Children's Circle. This is my fourth time to write. I enjoy reading it very much. I will be nine years old July 12th. I will be in the fourth grade next school session. I go to B. T. U. and Sunday School every Sunday and to preaching twice a month at Fellowship Church at Lorman. I like our pastor, Brother H. A. Hunderup, Jr.

I have some flowers blooming in the yard; they are pretty. I have a pretty yellow cat, she came to our house. She is a good cat. My little friend, Shirley Bobo and I had our pictures made with a cat together, they are good. Yesterday was the 4th and we made a lot of ice cream. We spent the 4th with Mrs. May, my Sunday School teacher. I expect plenty ice cream on my birthday too. I am sending a poem.

Your friend,
Bessie Marie Sullivan.

FOR DADDY

Ironing Daddy's handkerchiefs is a thing I love to do,
To press them all so carefully and to get the corners true.
To fold them and fold them into a perfect square
And put them in his dresser drawer with the greatest of care.

Sometimes I get quite warm and tired, but not one do I skip,
For I love my Daddy's "thank you" smile and the jolly little flip
He gives to open up the fold I've pressed so smooth and white,
And I am glad I took the time to get the hems just right.

Sent by Bessie Marie Sullivan.

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Vaughan, Miss., July 5, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I haven't been writing to the Children's Circle very often. Our pastor is Brother T. F. Stroud and I love him very much. My little sister is writing a letter this week too. Our G. A. leader is Mrs. W. L. Wilson. The pastor's wife, Mrs. T. F. Stroud, is general secretary of our B. T. U. I am out of school and was promoted to the sixth grade. My birthday was June the eighth and I was eleven.

Your friend,
Mary Annie Pepper.

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Hazlehurst, Miss., July 9, 1940.
My dear Mrs. Steele and Circle Friends:

It has been long since I have written, though I still read the dear old Record and enjoy it. I am sending twenty cents, a tenth of what I made from my garden. You may use

it as you see fit. It isn't much.
With love,
Leta Mae Lupo.

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Fill in the Blanks

- _____ built the ark.
- _____ was the first man God made.
- There were _____ people in the ark.
- The world was destroyed by _____ the first time.
- The world shall be destroyed by _____ the next time.
- _____ was the first woman God made.
- God put _____ and _____ in the garden of _____.
- _____ was the mother of Jesus.
- There are _____ books in the Bible.
- Noah was _____ years old when the flood came.

Sent by Frances Mary Bridges.

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Star, Miss., July 6, 1940.

Dear Friends:

I have surely been enjoying all the nice letters each week. I enjoy the contests from time to time too. It is fun to solve them, and it gets us to read and study the Bible too.

I will try to answer Mrs. C. A. P.'s two questions. My grandmother, Mrs. J. N. Breazeale, who lives 316 miles from me at Pelican, Louisiana, wrote me the answers. She is a fine Bible student and relly lives its teachings. The book, Song of Solomon, and the books of Ruth, both could be called love books of the Bible. Ruth is the lady who lay at a man's feet, (Boaz) and finally became the great grandmother of a good king (David.) I will try to answer mother's contest by myself as I have not missed Sunday School any this quarter. It rained one Sunday. We went, but so few came that we did not have Sunday School. However, I studied my lesson. I should know these questions without help. 1. Jonah. 2. Amos. 3. Jeremiah. 4. Malachi. 5. Haggai. 6. Isaiah. 7. Micah. 8. Hosea. 9. Ezekiel. 10. Matt. 5:14, Jesus' words given by Matthew.

Enclosed find ten cents. Use where needed most. I am sending some Bible questions too. I shall be watching for answers. Proverbs 6:21-13.

With love,

Frances Mary Bridges.

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Lorman, Miss., July 5, 1940
Dear Mrs. Steele and Circle:

It has been seven months since I wrote. I wanted to give others space on the page but I see such few letters this past week I decided to write. I am now twelve years old. Vacation time is here, no school except Sunday School. I go to Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. and preaching regularly. I joined Fellowship Baptist Church May 26, 1940. I will be baptised July 14 at 3 o'clock.

Our pastor is Rev. H. A. Hunderup, Jr. I am very fond of him. He was ordained in our church this spring. We attended a revival meeting last week at Fayette Baptist Church. Miss Dorothy Ainsworth is my Sunday School teacher. I surely do like her. She is going to college for a while and we will miss her so much this summer. I have been plowing for my Daddy ever since school closed. Our mule is named Old Dan. I like to plow him. I like to ride our pony. Her name is Dotsie. I have two pigs. I have let them go on the outside.

I gave an offering to the orphanage on Mothers' Day I hope I can send some through the Circle next time.

Your friend,
Normie L. Sullivan, Jr.

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Waynesboro, Miss., July 6, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

Enclosed find one dollar from the Intermediate Department of the Waynesboro Baptist Sunday School. Please apply fifty cents to the orphanage and fifty cents to the B. B. I. student. This is our June offering. We enjoy reading the Circle page.

Yours truly,
Mrs. W. O. Mauldin, Dept. Sec.
Pachuta, Miss., July 5, 1940.

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Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my second time to write to the Circle. The nineteenth of this month is my birthday. I will be ten years old.

I am sending in the answers to the puzzle: 1. Jonah. 2. Amos. 3. Jeremiah. 4. Hosea. 5. Haggai. 6. Isaiah. 7. God. 8. Paul. 9. Ezekiel. 10. Jesus.

Yours truly,
Martha Covington.

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Winona, Miss., July 6, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

We are little sisters, 6 and 8 years old. We go to Sunday School and church. We enjoy reading the Children's Circle. We attended the Daily Variation Bible School and learned lots about the Bible. We love Rev. Joseph B. Flowers, pastor of Winona Church and on fourth Sundays we love to go to Bethlehem to hear Rev. J. E. Eidson preach.

We are sending ten cents to be used where it is needed most.

Your new friends,
Nell and Joan Bamberg.

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Rienzi, Miss., July 8, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

Here I come again after so long a time. I was ten years old yesterday. I had a birthday party Saturday afternoon. There were eight little girls here. I got several nice presents. One little girl stayed until yesterday afternoon with me. I got a prize from my Sunday School teacher yesterday for not missing a Sunday in three months.

School will start in two or three weeks. I am sending ten cents to the orphans home.

Your friend,
Lorene Stutts.

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Crandall, Miss., July 5, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my first time to write to the Children's Circle. I like to read it very much. I am not a member of the church, but I am planning to join Pinegrove Baptist Church in August when our meeting starts. The pastor of Pinegrove Church is Bro. Mason. I attend Sunday School every Sunday and also B. Y. P. U. in the evening. I am ten years of age. Inclosed you will find ten cents for the orphanage.

Your new friend,
Nelda Jean Martin.

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Ecru, Miss., July 7, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my second time to write to you. I enjoy reading the Baptist Record very much. I am a girl eleven years old and I will be in the sixth grade when school starts. I have twelve little black "kitties." I have a brother seventeen and he is going to college this fall. He is going to Moorhead Junior College. I will miss him a lot too. I haven't any money to send this time, but maybe I'll have some to send next time I write.

Your friend,
Nancy Kelly.

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Louin, Miss., July 8, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I enjoy reading the Children's Circle very much. As this is my first time will promise not to stay long. How do you like the rain? For myself, I don't like it as I can't go to church and B. Y. P. U., As we live out in the country they send a bus for all the people for which we are very thankful. I spent the 4th with my grandmother. She is 82 years old. School will soon begin and I will be glad. I am a little girl 9 years old and in the fourth grade. My B. Y. P. U. teacher is Mrs. Artie Land. We all like her very much.

A new friend,
Delores Simmons.

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Pinola, Miss., July 9, 1940

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I want to enter the Children's Circle page.

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Baptist Training Union

AIM—Training in Church Membership

AUBER J. WILDS STATE SECRETARY
LUCY CARLETON WILDS ASSOCIATE SECRETARY
OXFORD, MISS. JACKSON, MISS.

Thirty-five Workers Serve Churches In Program This Week

Because of the heavy rains a few of the churches that were to have had workers from the Training Union department this week decided it was best for them not to have the work, but even at that thirty-five workers are serving in churches in three associations. Panola, Montgomery and Lincoln County Associations are the three. Next week the number of churches will grow to twenty-seven with over fifty workers serving them. These fine young people who are serving these churches are giving their time as an offering to the Lord, and only eternity can tell the blessings they will be the means of bringing to these communities they serve. Next week the associations being served are Lafayette, Zion (Webster County), Lawrence. For the week of July 28th we will serve Union County, Choctaw, Marion. For the week of August 4th Pontotoc, Winston, Jeff Davis. For August 11th, Lee, Kosciusko (Attala County), Covington. A few churches in nearby counties to these will also be served. If, when you read this, you know your church not to have announced their intention to have workers at this appointed time, and you would like to have some, drop us a card and we will try to arrange it.

A Tract You May Desire To Use

We have in the office of Bro. D. A. McCall, Jackson, Miss., a number of very helpful tracts. These are for free distribution and we call attention to one here that you may desire to use in your union. It is A Brief Catechism on Baptist Beliefs. Thirty-four questions and answers. Write Brother McCall for one of these and others that you may study them, then order as many as you will be able to use.

Farmhaven Organizes

We are happy to report a newly organized Training Union at Farmhaven, Madison County. Mr. Frank Lee, student in Mississippi College, is their new pastor and starts off by leading in the organization of the Training Union. They start with the Junior, Intermediate, Young People's and Adult Unions. Congratulations, and best wishes.

Four splendid books on Japan have recently been printed that you will want to read, and lead your members to read. A GOLDEN MILESTONE. It tells of the work of 50 years by Baptists in Japan, 50c. MRS. MAYNARD'S HOUSE—Intermediates especially will appreciate these "picturesque scenes and incidents on life in Japan", 40c. STRONG HEARTS OF JAPAN—is a book for Juniors, and PLAYMATES IN JAPAN—will also be enjoyed by Juniors and the younger children, these last two 35c and

25c. Two other books you will like for yourself are AMERICA NEEDS GOD, and MILITANT CHRISTIANITY, each \$1.00. Militant Christianity is a book of sermons by Dr. R. C. Campbell, executive secretary of Texas Baptist Convention, one of our great leaders and preachers; America Needs God is by John Caylor, pastor of Highland Church, Shreveport. This is also a volume of sermons. "The well chosen and different sermon subjects represent a wide variety of themes and are replete with illustrations." Our Baptist Book Store, Jackson, Miss., will be glad to serve you.

Kosciusko Association Gains Good Workers

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. McDaniel and family have moved to Kosciusko, Mr. McDaniel to become superintendent of the city schools. They come from Goodman and Holmes Association where they were very active in the Training Union work, Mrs. McDaniel being director of the Goodman Training Union and also director of the Holmes Association Training Union. The church and association regretted very much to lose this fine family, and Kosciusko is very happy to have them. They will find a royal welcome where their leadership can be continued.

Ridgecrest Calls Again

The slogan this year is "Come to the Land of the Sky," and truly it is the land of the sky. Mountain peaks both physical and spiritual await you there. The Training Union week is July 21-26. A few of those who will serve on program are: Dr. W. Douglass Hudgins, Dr. T. M. Rankin, Dr. Ryland Knight, Dr. Roland Leavell, Dr. T. L. Holcomb, Dr. John L. Hill, Dr. Luca Sezanoy, Mrs. J. O. Williams. The music will be in charge of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. McKinney, Miss Mary Beth Lassetter, Mr. Maines Rawls. Special features in music will also be arranged. Mr. Sibley C. Burnett will again be in charge of recreation. Make your reservations immediately if you plan to attend. Those who go on the Mississippi bus do not have to make reservations as these reservations have been made since January 1st. THIS IS YOUR LAST CALL. The Record is mailed Wednesday, reaches most of the subscribers on Thursday, so if you WIRE that you want to go with us, we may be able to include you in the party. The bus leaves Jackson early FRIDAY MORNING, JULY 19th.

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CHILDREN'S CIRCLE—

(Continued from page 12)

Circle. I am a little girl seven years old, weigh 64 pounds and am in the second grade. My teacher is Mrs. Huffman and I enjoy going to school. Our school starts the 29th of August. I go to church and Sunday School every Sunday at Pleasant Hill. Our pastor is Bro. Phillips. I have two little pet kittens and I enjoy playing with them. I live with my mother and grandmother. I am sending the orphans a dime and wish all of them lots of happiness. Hoping you will find room to print my letter, I am,

Your new little friend,
Patsy Ruth Penton.

Poplarville, Miss., July 9, 1940.
My dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my first time to write. I am seven years of age. I have three sisters and one brother. I go to Bethel Baptist Church. The pastor is Dr. Eli Calahan. My Sunday School teacher is Miss Madge Furr. She is a good teacher. I went to Vacation Bible School and I sure did enjoy it.

I am sending 10c for the orphans.
With love,
Willie Dell McNeese.

Pelehatchie, Miss., July 11, 1940.
Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my first time to write to the Children's Circle. I am a little girl 12 years of age. My mother and daddy are living and my grandmothers and granddaddy are living. I am mighty thankful. I go to school at Cross Roads. I will be in the sixth grade. My teacher's name will be Miss Kelly. My grandmother takes the Baptist Record and I like to read it. I haven't either sister or brother. I am sending ten cents for the orphans.

Your new friend,
Geneva Loraine Huff.

Merigold, Miss., July 11, 1940.
Dear Mrs. Steele:

I am a little girl nine years of age. I go to Sunday School every Sunday. I always read the Children's page in the Baptist Record. I always enjoy reading it. I go to Sunday School and church at Bethany Baptist Church. Our pastor is

the Baptist Sunday School Board, 161 Eighth Ave. N., Nashville, Tennessee.

Rev. J. W. Sturdivant. I am sending ten cents to the orphans.

Your new friend,
Billye Katherine Raby.

Louin, Miss., July 8, 1940.
Dear Mrs. Steele:

After reading the many interesting letters thought I would join the Circle. I am a girl fourteen years old and in the tenth grade. I go to school at Louin High School. I surely do enjoy going to school. I like all my teachers. I am a member of the Louin Baptist Church. Our pastor is Rev. J. E. Wills. I go to church, Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. every time I can. We Intermediates have a real B. Y. P. U. Our teacher is Mrs. Agnes Morgan.

How is everybody enjoying these large rains? It surely did disappoint almost everyone on the 4th, didn't it? I hope this letter isn't too long. I'll try not to let it be my last time.

Your new friend,
Natalie Simmons.

July 4, 1940.
Dear Mrs. Steele:

Enclosed is receipt for the \$12.05 which came today as a credit on the Mississippi Children's Circle Scholarship. Your continued thought of us and unfailing support mean more to us than you can possibly realize.

From present indications we may expect an even greater enrollment next session, and yet we regard the past year as the very best.

You will be interested to know that up to this time we have received \$799.05 toward the interest amount due on our first mortgage.

Again thanking you, and with all good wishes, I am,

Yours graefully,
W. W. Hamilton, President.

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GRENADA FIRST CHURCH ORGANIZED 102 YEARS AGO

A group of 12 Baptists met on June 30th, 1938, in Grenada, Miss., and organized a church, which has continued from that time until today.

The leaders in this organization were Rev. Wm. Minter and Jas. G. Hall. The last named was the grandfather of Mrs. T. H. Moore and the great grandfather of Henry J. Ray, this family has taken an active part in the First Baptist church for 102 years.

Several houses were used for worship, until a building was erected at the head of Line Street.

This church was used many years, but plans for a new building on corner of Main and Second Streets were adopted January 2, 1888 and a building committee of following members was selected to build the new church: S. S. Fairfield, Dr. J. B. Gage, John Powell, W. T. Burns, J. A. Carl and the pastor, Rev. E. B. Miller.

Cornerstone of this building was laid June 30, 1888, just 50 years from time the church was organized, and the building completed by John A. Carl the contractor Oct. 7, 1889.

The cornerstone was laid by the Masons, Odd Fellow and Knights of Pythias, after which, they with the members of the church marched to the Old Church, singing on their way "Rock of Ages."

The pastor preached from first verse of the 127 Psalms, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it" and the theme song was "Hallelujah for the Cross" with Mrs. T. H. Moore the organist.

The building burned Saturday, December 9, 1939, and on June 30th, 1940, ground was broken for a modern and finer church to be erected for the "Glory of God" in Grenada.

D. V. B. S. MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

During the week of July 1st to 6th, we had a very enjoyable, successful and fruitful Daily Vacation Bible School, under the efficient leadership of Miss Evelyn Moore. In spite of the daily rains, we had an average attendance of 32. The teachers and students enjoyed a picnic lunch served Wednesday. Commencement exercises were held Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock, and 28 awards were given out. The program consisted of the pledges to the American flag, the Christian flag and the Bible; singing of the songs and choruses learned during the school; and each department gave special features. The program was closed with a short talk by Brother W. B. Lowery.

We had a most unusual experience in our teachers—the five teachers, Misses Evelyn Moore, superintendent; Mildred Sumrall, beginners' department; Rebecca Walker, primary department; A. Kate Rollin, junior department; Edna Rollin, intermediate department; were all college students. Four out of the five are seniors in college.

We are very glad that Miss Moore

came our way, and we want her to come back again. We highly and heartily commend her to other churches who are fortunate enough to secure her services.—A. Kate Rollin, Reporter.

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The Annual Daily Vacation Bible School was held at Bethlehem Baptist Church, Laurel, the week of July 1st-5th, with an enrollment of 107 and an average attendance of 84. There were 14 conversions at the close. The pastor, Gaston G. Mooney, served as Superintendent; Othell Hand as principal; Miss Alyne Rushton as general secretary. The faculty consisted of the following members of the Bethlehem Church: Mrs. Minnie Warren, Mrs. Iva Walters, Mrs. Hattie Geiger, Miss Inez Richards, Miss Eva Ruth Rushton, Miss Wilma Walters, Miss Nina Ruth Howse, Miss Melba Dunigan, Miss Nannie Belle McElroy and Rev. Othell Hand.—Reporter.

MONTICELLO

It was our happy privilege to have our indefatigable Mission Secretary, Brother D. A. McCall, with us for an eight-day evangelistic meeting, June 9-16. Brother M. E. Perry, another faithful servant of the Lord, supplied the first two days until Brother McCall arrived, and remained through Wednesday to direct the young peoples services and the singing. These men were faithful in service. We baptized twelve, three others to be baptized later.

Preceding our revival, we were assisted in a B. T. U. study course by Miss Mary Polk of Oakvale and Miss Almeda Reeves, student at our Southwestern Theological Seminary. Thirty-three awards were received and the entire B. T. U. re-organized with Story Hour and B. A. U. added.

Last week we closed a ten-day Vacation Bible School, our fifth and best, with a total enrollment of 138 and 108 average attendance. The faculty of 14, all home folks, rendered most excellent service.

A study course for Sunday School officers and teachers is planned for the last week in July. How to avoid a summer slump? Keep them busy for the Lord.—D. O. Horne, Pastor.

PARKWAY, JACKSON, D. V. B. S.

Parkway has just closed its most successful Daily Vacation Bible School. Interest began at high tide and continued clear through to the end. B. R. Wells directed the school and was assisted by a large corps of enthusiastic workers. The students brought an offering each day for

"the boys and girls across the ocean." The enrollment was 233. The commencement was attended by a splendid crowd of parents and visitors who thoroughly enjoyed the program and work of the pupils. Parkway is definitely sold on the vacation school as one of its regular activities.

A. A. BRUNER

On July 2nd, 1940, the spirit of Allen Applewhite Bruner took its flight. Mr. Bruner was an active layman among the Calhoun Baptists. He had served as clerk and moderator of the Calhoun County Baptist Association. As a member of the State Mission Board he had helped establish the work of the Baptists in several strategic centers in Calhoun and other parts of the state. He was loyal to the Baptist program and had read the Baptist Record since its first issue. At the time of his death he was moderator emeritus of his association and senior deacon in the Pittsboro Baptist Church.—Cecil H. Ellard, His Pastor.

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PLANS MADE FOR BAPTIST RALLY IN LAUREL

Laurel, Miss., July 16, 1940.—(Special.)—Over 1,000 people are expected to attend the Sunday School Rally for the Baptists of Southeast Mississippi July 28. This Rally will be held at the West Laurel Baptist Church, Laurel, at 2:30 p. m. Rev. James H. Street, the gracious host pastor, and Mr. Waddell Valentine, host Intermediate leader, have perfected plans to welcome the host of visitors from all over this section. Sunday school workers and interested Christians from every Baptist church in the Laurel area are expected. Leaders in all the churches have been sent invitations and programs.

Captain A. C. Kutzen, chief of the F. B. I., New Orleans branch, will bring an honest, timely warning to the youth of this section on the dangers of crime to young folks. John A. Farmer, Mississippi Intermediate leader will preside over the rally, and direct activities.

The program will be built around the Intermediate Theme, using Intermediate boys and girls, and the Intermediate chorus of the West Laurel Baptist Church.

All persons interested in helping our boys and girls are urged to come and know something of the conditions among us.—John A. Farmer, Mississippi Intermediate S.S. Leader.

MIZE REVIVAL

It was my happy privilege to assist Rev. James Thorne at Raleigh in his meeting at Mize the first week in June. This was a great meeting in many respects. The Kingdom was made stronger and the program of Christ enhanced to a very great extent.

Certainly we must say there lives in Mize some of the very salt of the earth. People who really know the Lord and are willing to work for him. There were several professions of faith and many brought in closer contact with the Lord.

It was such a pleasure to be associated with such a noble Christian and fellow-minister as Brother Thorne. He is doing a splendid work in Smith County and is well qualified for the place he holds in the Master's Kingdom.

The people of Smith County are very fortunate in having such a fine character among them.

The writer will never forget his experience with Brother Thorne and the good people of Mize and he left there with a prayer on his lips that our God will continue to bless them in their work for him.—W. H. Wood.

MOSS POINT

Revival at Wade, Jackson County

It was my pleasure to be with Bro. A. V. Faggard and his church at Wade in their revival June 23-28. God gave us an old fashioned Heaven sent spiritual awakening. A revival was sorely needed. The pastor and church realized this need. Strong drink with all its attendant evils was the besetting sin of the community. Preparations were made for a revival. The church building

had been repaired, electric lights and additional seats were in place. A week of prayer had touched many; new deacons were ordained, school trucks were secured to bring the people in large numbers.

The people listened as the word of God was preached. We tried to give the truth about personal work, sin, backsliding, salvation, service, the future state of the lost and the saved. Visible results were over 20 definite rededications to the Lord, 16 additions on profession of faith in Christ, two additions to the church by letter, one profession of faith, who will probably join the Methodists and a great wave of public confession, prayer and personal testimony. The Lord be praised.—Montie A. Davis.

Our Vacation Bible School, the first ever held in East Moss Point Church, was a success. The faculty met for training the week before the school began. Eighty-eight enrolled, 74 attendance, give professions of faith in Christ the last day. The school continued for two weeks.

We expect to be in a revival meeting at Ramah, Franklin County, beginning July 14 and at Macedonia, Lincoln County, July 21, and week following—we covet your prayers.—Montie A. Davis.

NEW FRONTIERS TO BE CONQUERED

Richmond, Va. — (F.M.B.) — In writing of present conditions in China Dr. M. T. Rankin, Foreign Mission Board secretary for the Orient, states: "The war in China has caused millions of Chinese people to migrate from the coastal areas into the great southwestern section of China. Among these millions of people have gone numbers of Christians. A stream of new life is pouring into this primitive and remote, but thickly populated region. God has prepared there a remarkable opportunity for Christian work which stands wide open to us as a great, yawning door."

This great migration calls for the establishment of new work — new chapels, new schools, and new missionaries to set up this work. On its present limited budget, it is impossible for the Foreign Mission Board to undertake further enterprises. However, the future is not entirely dark, for as long as the spirit of missions moves the hearts of Southern Baptists as is shown in the following letter, the Lord's work in lands afar will be cared for.

BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE

New Orleans, Louisiana

May 15, 1940

Dr. Charles E. Maddy
Dr. M. T. Rankin
Foreign Mission Board
Richmond, Va.

Dear brethren:

Some two months ago a young man in my Sunday school class died of pneumonia. He was in the early twenties and was working in the office of the Kraft Cheese Company here in New Orleans. He was a devout and consecrated Christian, a leader in my class, prominent in the B. T. U. work of the church, and had recently been made a junior deacon. His name was Otto Harmon.

The passing at such an early age of one so active in church life made a tremendous impression upon the young people of our church. There came from them a spontaneous expression or a desire to do something to commemorate his consecrated life among us. After due consideration and considerable prayer the young people decided to undertake to raise five hundred dollars and with that amount undertake to build a memorial chapel in China.

The campaign for this money is now on. Mr. Kraft, on hearing of the undertaking, sent us a check for fifty dollars. Nearly four hundred dollars of the amount have already been subscribed. When reports from the young people are all in, we plan to put the matter before the church as a whole, asking for voluntary contributions. We are expecting the cash to be paid in monthly, closing by the end of September.

Our young people are especially interested in evangelism and have expressed a desire to erect their memorial in some new field. I told them of the westward migration in China and of the probability of the Board's opening up further in the interior. This pleased them very much. It will be their plan to send the money to the Board through our regular church channels but designated as a chapel building fund in memory of Otto Harmon. The Board, of course, will decide on the location and conduct the work.

Yours sincerely,

P. H. Anderson

BOONEVILLE MEETING

June 16th-June 28th

We had with us in our annual meeting, Bro. W. A. Bell, pastor of Parkway Church, Jackson, and Bro. Bill Nason, of Kosiusko.

Bro. Bell is indeed a preacher of power in the presentation of the Bible truth concerning sin and salvation. His messages proved to be at once to all who heard him a challenge to faith and service.

Bro. Bill Nason is certainly a definitely spiritual leader of song. His work with the boys and girls was especially fine and helpful.

These brethren have been a distinct help to us all and their labor here will be blessed in the days ahead.

We appreciate them both very much. There were five accessions to the church. One profession of faith last Sunday and others are under such conviction that we feel they will come for baptism soon.

I feel that we have had a good meeting indeed—especially helpful to the church.—J. D. Thompson.

"What'd you mean by writing your folks that these college profs expect the impossible?"

"Remember that essay on milk we had to write? Well the prof says I'll have to condense it."

A parent, when asked for a written explanation for her son's absence during a storm, wrote the following: "My dear Miss Jones: Johnny's legs are 18 inches long and the snow is 20 inches deep. Very truly yours."

RED LICK

With rain at the time of services, and much more in between, there was much pleasure to the visitor in a week of preaching at Red Lick with the princely Dr. W. L. Howse who has been pastor there for several years. The folks respect and love him, and he loves them. The group of members is quite small, but loyal, and those who could come were there at meeting time. A distinct addition to the church and community is professor and Mrs. Sinsinger who arrived and placed their membership in the church in a matter of hours. Such means much to the Lord's work of course. The fellowship of the people there is as nearly ideal as one could wish, and they were royal to the pastor and visitor. The Red Lick folk's loyalty will bear fruit for the Lord.

Owen Williams.

July 10.

Git: "That horse knows as much as I do."

App: "Well don't tell anybody. You may want to sell him some day."

Bjones: "Speed? Why that old car of mine can't be stopped on hills."

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Richmond, Virginia, (F.M.B.)—If someone had told us at the meeting of the Baptist Word Alliance one year ago, that the officers of the British Baptist Foreign Mission Society would be in dire distress and appealing to American Baptists to help them save their foreign mission work, within a year, we would have laughed him to scorn as a visionary. Incredible as it may seem, that is what has happened. The work begun by Carey and his associates 148 years ago is in immediate danger of going to pieces unless within three months substantial help comes from the Baptist churches of America.

Southern Baptists have been asked for a love offering of \$200,000 to help our British brethren tide over this time of national crisis. What are we going to do about it?

Suppose! Suppose America were in a death struggle with a brutal and implacable foe, and we were hemmed in on both the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts. Suppose our Government, in the life and death struggle to save everything we hold dear, were to lay hands on all of our wealth; our stocks and bonds, our bank accounts, our farms, our homes, our factories, and industrial institutions—everything we possess. Suppose our Foreign Mission Board could not send any funds to our 456 missionaries in sixteen foreign lands and these devoted men and women and their children were in danger of starving?

What would we do under such circumstances? It could happen to us just as it has happened to our British Baptist brethren during the past one brief year. The words of Jesus have deep significance for us now: "And as ye would that men should do unto you, do ye also to them likewise," and "inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

In like circumstances we believe British Baptists would come to our relief immediately and with a generosity that would hearten us beyond measure. In this hour of tragic destiny for them, let us show them and the world that we are sympathetic co-operative Baptists with hearts responsive to every cry of need in all the world.

Southern Baptists in their response to this appeal of the British Foreign Mission Society are on trial before the eyes of God and all mankind. May we not fail!

REMEMBER THE DATES—JULY 7-21

Richmond, Virginia, (F.M.B.)—Let it be everywhere remembered that this call from British Baptists is an emergency, that our Committee has worked under the greatest pressure. This money must go as quickly as possible to these distressed missionaries, cut off from their faithful friends in England by this terrible war. The date for the appeal is July 7-21, with the understanding that pastors and churches that find it impossible to make the appeal within that period will not delay a day beyond July in bringing home to the people this urgent matter.

And it will also be remembered that the funds received should be sent immediately to your State Secretary, designated for the British Baptist Mission Fund. The State Secretaries will forward the funds to the office of the Executive Committee of the Convention, in Nashville, and Dr. Austin Crouch will promptly forward them to the Foreign Mission Board for transmission direct to the mission stations. Secretary Charles E. Maddry assures our Committee that he can render this service through connections already established.—Louie D. Newton, Atlanta, Georgia.

COURAGE AND GRATITUDE IN ENGLAND

London, England, (B.M.S.)—Immediately on the outbreak of war the officers of the Society decided that as far as possible the work of the Baptist Missionary Society must be maintained, and this decision received the cordial support of the General Committee, the constituency in this country and the missionaries and churches overseas. Only one or two missionaries have asked to be released for war service and in such cases there have been special circumstances. Almost without exception candidates already accepted

IT COULD HAPPEN IN AMERICA

By Charles E. Maddry, Executive Secretary
Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

for service have been willing to proceed abroad and during the past seven months no less than nineteen recruits have sailed, eight for India, six for China, four for Congo and one for Ceylon. The total sailings during the period amount to no less than eighty, and it is with deep gratitude to God that we record that all these missionaries have reached their stations without mishap.—From 1940 Report of British Missionary Society.

PROGRESS IN AFRICA

British Baptist Mission in the Congo. (B.M.S.)—In no field of the British Mission Society has there been of recent years more striking numerical growth. The number of missionaries has increased. Ten years ago there were 107 missionaries on our Congo staff; today there are 131. New areas have been entered, and new tribes evangelized. The number of church members has grown from under 13,000 to more than 29,000.

Several of our stations report a record number of baptisms during 1939, and the total from the whole field reaches 3,509. In 1929 only twenty-three women were in membership in the Lingala church; in 1939 there were 219 women, that is, nearly half the total number of members.—From 1940 Report of British Missionary Society.

A VOICE FROM ENGLAND

London, England, (B.M.S.)—There must clearly be much prayer as to what is the will of God, much sacrificial giving and much courageous thinking and planning. Words used of India by Mr. Merle Davis would seem to apply to this country as well: "The situation which the churches are so universally facing calls for a deeper solution than increased earning power or even the technique of tithing. It would seem to call for the serious acceptance of a new gospel of thrift, of self-discipline, of sacrifice, founded upon a new conception of the nature of the Church, the responsibility and loyalty of the Christian to the New Brotherhood and the privilege of consecrating all that he has to God in recognition of His redeeming love through Christ."

The above paragraph closed the 1940 Annual report of the British Missionary Society. The Editorial Secretary, Ernest A. Payne, edited the report under the title By My Spirit, basing the entire report upon Zechariah 4:6: "This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, not by might, nor by power, but By My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." In the name of His Spirit these children of God in England are calling to their American comrades in Christ. Their call is for H-E-L-P that God's work entrusted to them may be saved.

DR. TRUETT CALLS

Dallas, Texas, (F.M.B.)—Let my first expression be a most cordial Christian greeting to you.

Let me frankly say . . . that I am writing to bespeak your prayerful and practical co-operation in response to the appeal from the British Baptist Missionary Society asking Southern Baptists to share with them, in these terribly troubled and tragic war days, in maintaining on the mission fields the 407 Foreign Missionaries of the British Missionary Society, scattered through out the world. The appeal from the British Society was for a loan from Southern Baptists, to be paid back, without interest, as soon as possible.

. . . I believe our noble army of pastors will hail it both as a sacred privilege and as a God-given obligation to call the faithful attention of

our churches to this eternally important matter, and to ask our Southern Baptist people, not for a loan, to be sure, but for voluntary love gifts for our poignantly burdened and suffering brethren and sisters, far away.

. . . Meantime, let us, as pastors, the Divinely appointed leaders of the churches, take the present incomparable world situation as the occasion for the unreserved rededication of our all to Christ and His cause, faithfully remembering that His Gospel is the one only adequate hope and help for getting civilization off the rocks and keeping it off. My joyful hope is that this worthy South-wide effort of our pastors and churches will not only give graciously supporting relief to the valiant missionaries in far-off lands, but that it will also bring untold blessings to our churches here in the homeland. In this incomparable day, when the urgency of the ages seem to be directly challenging us, may God inspire our pastors and churches now to behave worthily, both in the sight of God, and of our sinning, suffering, dying world! Faithfully yours in the best bonds, Geo. W. Truett, Chairman, Baptist World Emergency Committee.

THE COMMISSION CALLS

Richmond, Virginia, (F.M.B.)—The commission, our splendid missionary magazine, is now in the third year of its publication. The contents of any number reveal the fact that it is ably edited and beautifully illustrated. It has been found to be most interesting to all in the home, the church, and the Sunday School. Teachers in the public schools have also discovered its value to their work and are using the fine articles and beautiful pictures very effectively.

Our pastors, deacons, parents and teachers have discovered that The Commission is indispensable in their work. The editorials by Dr. Maddry and his able staff; Kingdom Facts and Factors by Dr. Carver; graphic reports of experiences of missionaries on the field; and most interesting snapshots of scenes in all lands will be found interesting, informing and inspiring to missionary endeavor to all ages.

We hope you will co-operate with us in our endeavor to secure as many subscribers as possible in every church in your association. Please see that the pastor or some interested person presents The Commission and makes an honest effort to secure at least five subscriptions from every church in the association.

We know of no greater contribution that you can make to the cause of world missions than by boosting The Commission. Our suggested goal for all the states is 30,000 by the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in May, 1941.

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8,000,000 Methodists have 64,000 subscribers to The World Outlook.

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How much do these figures account for the fact that the per capita gifts of all these other denominations are considerably higher than ours?

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